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Day centre relocation under the spotlight

THE relocation of two day centres in Oswestry will come under the spotlight at a meeting in the town tonight (Thursday).

Existing day centres at Avalon on Victoria Road and in Lorne Street are being recommended for closure by Shropshire Council in favour of one new centre.

The scheme has been met with fear among service users and their carers, who have learning difficulties and disabilities.

Tonight the Oswestry Equality Group will host a meeting at the Hermon Chapel in town at 7.30pm at which more information will be given by the council.

Relocation officer, Adrian Johnson, is to speak at the meeting.

Penny Rice, a member of the equality group, which is affiliated to the national body, the Equality Trust, said she hoped that Mr Johnson would talk about the plans for the relocation and the consultation process.

"We hope he will talk about the effect that the moves will have on the people of Oswestry and also about personal budgets for people with learning disabilities."

Mrs Rice said everyone was welcome at the meeting.

"These proposals seem to be work in progress at the moment and as yet we do not know where the centres are to be relocated."

Road closed after crash

A BUSY road was closed for more than an hour after a two-car crash.

One man was taken to hospital with minor injuries after being freed by firefighters following the accident in Gobowen Road at about 5.45pm on Tuesday.

The road was closed in both directions between the B4580 Whittington Road junction and South Gobowen until shortly before 7pm.

Tonia Davies, Kate Kaye, Michelle Kelsall, Stuart Morris, Roger Smith, from the Qube, Matteo Spreafico and Elise Humphreys, from Sainsbury's. *Picture: Peter Flemmich.*

Store's show of support

THE many projects that take place at Qube in Oswestry will be given a helping hand from the superstore a stone's throw away.

The charity, based in Oswald Road, Oswestry, has been nominated as Sainsbury's Local Charity Partner of the Year.

Staff and volunteers say they are looking forward to a year of working with Sainsbury's with lots of fundraising and promotional opportunities.

For the past four years, Sainsbury's stores have partnered with a local charity, nominated by their customers.

Over the 12 months the charity will be supported through fundraising events and volunteering.

"We are delighted to have been nominated by Sainsbury's and we'd like to say a huge thank you to their customers who voted for us," said Laurel Roberts, chief officer at Qube.

Qube has been offering community services to the people of Oswestry for over a decade.

"We're shortly launching Qube Learning which will deliver a range of computer training here at Qube," said Laurel.

MORE POLICE TO BE BASED IN TOWN

THERE will be more police officers based at Oswestry Police Station when it takes on its new role as a deployment hub, safeguarding the future of the building.

Officers will be stationed in the town round the clock, ready to respond to incidents across the district.

Earlier this year there were fears that the police station, in Park Road, would close under the reorganisation of the West Mercia force in Shropshire.

Instead Ellesmere, Albrighton and Ironbridge stations are to close with Oswestry becoming a Patrol and Safer Neighbourhood Team Deployment Base.

by Sue Austin

Sergeant Scott Barnes said the new role for Oswestry will come in on September 30.

It will see the police station become a base for police response teams to provide 24-hour cover and will also be the headquarters for the area's safer neighbourhood teams.

"It will mean more police officers will be based in Oswestry," Sergeant Barnes said.

"The police station will be used 24/7 and it will mean a bigger police presence in Oswestry. This is good news for Oswestry."

Digital

Sergeant Barnes said that the Safer Neighbourhood Teams would also be based in the building but would spend much of their time in their own areas.

"Teams are made up of one police officer and two community support officers," he said.

"They will be given digital notebooks that will allow them to remain in their neighbourhoods throughout the day and not have to return to base to do the paperwork."

The sergeant outlined the changes at a meeting in Oswestry's Castle View council chamber, organised to explain public service budget cuts.

He said West Mercia police was having to save £30 million by 2013.

"We have already saved £20 million and the changes are not likely to affect the service delivery to the public.

"When the changes were first announced Police Chief Constable David Shaw said that in Shropshire police would be deployed from Oswestry, Shrewsbury and Telford.

"What the police need to know is that if they call 999 someone will come and we will come quickly with officers that are well trained and equipped to do a professional job."

Keith Barrow, Leader of Shropshire Council and an Oswestry councillor, said: "As the second largest town in the county it was vital that Oswestry retained its police station, despite the current economic situation.

"I am very pleased the Police Commissioner Mr Bill Longmore was able to keep Oswestry police station open."

Oswestry Police Station is to take on a new role.

Protesters welcome burying of cables

THE burying of a 400 kv electricity line through the Meifod Valley has been welcomed but protesters say the line would be unnecessary if windfarms were not built.

National Grid has revealed the preferred route for the 33-mile line that will link a substation from proposed windfarms to the grid at Lower Frankton near Ellesmere.

It says eight miles of cable, in the valley, will be underground with the remainder on the new-style, 'T' pylons, shorter than the traditional steel structures.

Caravan park owners in the Llansanttfraid area which the pylons will be used, say they are worried about the effect on tourism.

Joyce Williams, who runs the Woodside caravan park, said she welcomed news that National Grid wanted to route the pylons as far away as possible from the parks.

She said: "There are five parks in this area and we are all still concerned."

Jane Dodds, Lib Dem parliamentary candidate for Montgomeryshire, said she welcomed undergrounding in the Meifod valley but said the line should have run north via Trawsfyndd.

She said: "This is good news for the people of the Meifod valley and I welcome good screening for the sub station of Cefn Coch. We have a unique landscape here in Montgomeryshire and we need to protect it."

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Man facing rape charge

A 27-YEAR-old man is due to appear in court charged with raping a woman in Welshpool.

Mathew Alan James, of Llandinam, near Llanidloes, is set to appear at Mold Crown Court tomorrow (Friday) following the alleged incident in Welshpool in the early hours of July 21.

The incident is said to have happened in Bear Passage, off High Street in Welshpool, between 2.55am and 3.10am.

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Valley to be spared pylons as cables to go underground

by Sue Austin

A PICTURESQUE valley is to be spared the pylons that will march across Shropshire to take energy from proposed Mid Wales wind farms to the National Grid.

The controversial high voltage electricity cables will go underground as they cross the picturesque Meifod valley, near Oswestry, National Grid announced this week.

Burying eight of the 33 miles of 400 kv line that will be needed if wind farm developers win permission to build a network of sites across north Powys will be welcomed by campaigners who have fought against the National Grid project.

But the remaining 23 miles will stay overground, although the line could be carried on the new 'T-pylons' that the power company says are 50 feet shorter that traditional structures.

It will cross the Shropshire border skirting Oswestry to tap into the north south 400 kv line at Lower Frankton, near Ellesmere.

As National Grid unveiled its preferred option for the route today it said it had been carefully developed to reduce effects on the local area.

The exact route has still not been plotted with consultation still ongoing with the community and landowner.

But the company said overhead lines would be kept away from villages, hills and trees would be used to keep visual impact to a minimum .

Mid Wales Connection project manager Jeremy Lee said: "We recognise the rich cultural significance of the Meifod Valley, which includes long distance path, Glyndwr's Way, and understand the potential impact a 400 kV steel lattice overhead line could have on the valley.

"Putting this section underground means this area can be largely kept to how it looks today."

He said National Grid would now be looking at where best to place pylons will consider T-pylon 15 metres shorter than conventional steel structures.

A preferred site for the substation at Cefn Coch which would harness the power of the wind farms has also been identified.

"It is in a secluded location close to the wind farms not visible from villages and the road. This, as the Meifod valley, was highlighted as very important by local communities."

A public inquiry is still under way over whether the large wind farms including those planned for Llandinam and Llanbadarn Fynydd can go ahead.

Protestors say that if permission is refused the sub station and power line will not be needed.

Chronicle fight gaining support around the area

THE Oswestry and Border Chronicle's charity fundraising campaign to fund heart defibrillators in and around the border town is gaining support.

Businesses and individuals across Oswestry have been pledging money and support for the Keeping Oswestry Alive Appeal while staff at the Chronicle office have been striding out to raise money.

Media Sales Executive, Marcus Evans, chief reporter, Sue Austin, and Ali Birch, wife of area advertising sales manager David Lee Birch, completed the Lake Vyrnwy Half Marathon on Sunday.

Marcus, who was taking part in his first race, said: "It was an incredible experience, very emotional and I hope to take part again next year."

Sue, who has taking part in the popular half marathon since 2005 said this year's was particularly poignant.

"The half marathon was set up by Doug Morris, who was also one of the people who really inspired and encouraged me to start running. Sadly Doug died when he suffered heart failure on a training run in 2007. He would have fully supported our appeal I am sure."

The fundraising effort aims to set up a network of lifesaving defibrillators in areas across the town. The scheme has been launched in conjuction with the British Heart Foundation .

Donations can be made at the Principality Building Society in Legg Street, Oswestry, account number 1446495-05, or at the Chronicle Office, 14 Salop Road, Oswestry.

100 reasons to celebrate

Wilfred Smith, with family members, Anne Ranford, Ray Ranford, Russell Smith, with ong standing friends, Laura Booth and Alma Roberts. ***Picture: Peter Flemmich.***

AN Oswestry man has celebrated his 100th birthday with a tea party with friends and relatives.

Wilfred Smith enjoyed a party at Llwyn Fields sheltered accommodation.

Mr Smith, a widower and a retired accountant, said having a quiet life was probably the secret of a long life.

He said: "I suppose there is no actual secret but I would say having a nice quiet life has suited me.

"I look after my diet a bit as well and I never drank much."

Mr Smith said he moved to Oswestry to be closer to relatives after the death of his wife Marjorie, whom he married in 1976.

He was born in West Bromwich and worked as an accountant in Birmingham and Blackburn before retiring.

Mr Smith said: "I started off as an office boy at the age of 14 and then did my exams to be an accountant.

"I enjoyed it and have had a nice life. I came to Oswestry about six years ago to be nearer some of my relatives. They found me this place which is very nice and I like living here.

"I have not been out too much in Oswestry but what I have seen it seems a nice place to live."

Many of the residents who live in the sheltered accommodation joined Mr Smith for some tea and cake at the complex's communal lounge.

Relatives including his step-son and step-daughter Ray and Ann Ranford also joined in the celebrations.

Mr Ranford said Mr Smith was in fine health despite his age.

He said: "He never ails for anything.

"He says his knees ache every now and then, but my knees hurt as well and I've got 30 years to catch him up."

Mrs Ranford said: "He enjoys the quiet life really. He is quite a private person and just keeps himself to himself.

"He loves music and is a very good pianist."

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Town war memorial set to be restored

AN unusual war memorial in the Shropshire town where poet Wilfred Owen was born is to be restored in time for the 100th anniversary of the First World War.

Oswestry Town Council has pledged to restore the memorial gates of Cae Glas park in readiness for the centenary in August next year.

Town mayor, Councillor Chris Schofield, said the work would be a fitting tribute.

Experts in the repair of war memorials were in Oswestry last week to meet the council and its architect, Barry Whitmore.

Unlike many towns Oswestry does not have a cenotaph or war memorial.

Instead the marble plaques that carry the names of those who died in the First and Second world wars are hung on the pillars of the gates to the park.

The gates were created in 1921 to honour the dead of the First World War.

In recent years the marble has become so stained that many of the names are now difficult to read.

Now the town council and the Cae Glas trustees have agreed to restore the gates by next summer.

Councillor Schofield said the old plaques were too badly stained to repair so they would be completely renewed. The names will also now be listed in alphabetical order.

"It will be a fitting tribute that Oswestry will make to mark the centenary of the beginning of the First World War," he said.

"The town is the birthplace of Wilfred Owen and we are expecting many visitors to Oswestry."

On Remembrance Sunday each year the parade through the town stops at the Memorial Gates for the 11am two minute silence and the laying of the wreaths.

Legacy of the Olympics to be celebrated at town event

THE legacy of the London Olympics and Paralympics will be celebrated in Oswestry this weekend with the Cae Glas Park Community Games.

Sports and leisure activities from tennis and martial arts to gymnastics and disability cricket will be on show within the park as part of a move to get more people active.

And some of the Olympic gamesmakers and torch relay runners will also be at the two-day event.

by Sue Austin

The weekend was the idea of Mr Clive Knight from Oswestry Team Tennis.

"Community Games are part of the Olympic/Paralympic legacy and events have taken place across the county including one at the Walford and North Shropshire College.

"I strongly felt there should be one for Oswestry clubs and people in a central venue and as Oswestry Team Tennis is based in the park we requested that the town council and Cae Glas charity allow one in the park.

"We wanted to broaden the event out to include as many local sports clubs and organisations as possible and maximise the use of the sports facilities there."

The council has agreed to provide the park and its facilities free of charge for users and participants over the weekend.

Mr Knight said that while the inaugural games were a learning curve the idea was that is would become an annual event.

Opportunity

"We hope to attract local sports clubs and organisations to demonstrate and put on 'have a go sessions' and encourage people of all ages to become more active.

"It is a good opportunity for local sports to showpiece themselves in a central town venue."

After two full days of events in the park on Saturday and Sunday, the community games will close with a special ceremony on Sunday afternoon.

"We hope people will come along and see what is available in the Oswestry area and have a go as some of the activities. Families and children are our key target although we want to see people of every age involved in sport."

The Olympic torch passed through the town of Oswestry in May last year, an event which saw thousands of people pour into the town.

Low turn-out for meeting to explain cuts

JUST 17 people turned up at the council chamber in Oswestry, with six of those county or town councillors, to hear about the £80 million financial black hole that Shropshire Council faces.

More than 700 employees of Shropshire Council have applied for voluntary redundancy its chief executive has revealed.

The council is looking to make up to 1,500 people redundant as part of the budget cuts it has to make with almost half the number coming forward in the last two months.

At a public meeting in Oswestry chief executive Clive Wright, said that morale at the council was varied and said that some people were excited about the changes.

"There are 740 people who have already applied for voluntary redundancy," he said.

Other staff are transferring to the new company within the council, I,P&E.

Leader of the council, Councillor Keith Barrow, said 20 staff had transferred, including the communications team.

He told the public meeting that redundancies would cost the council £12 million.

"But it will save the council £12 million a year, every year from then on in," he said.

"We have no choice we have to make these cuts. We have to find £40 million savings."

They heard from Councillor Barrow, the chief executive of the council, Colin Wright, head of Shropshire Fire and Rescue, John Redmond, Director of Public Heath in Shropshire, and police sergeant, Scott Barnes. Mr Redmond said the Fire and Rescue Service could face losing four of its retained fire stations.

Events to brew up charity cash

Sean Evans and Tom Roberts get ready for the fundraiser.

COFFEE mornings will be held across Oswestry, Welshpool and the surrounding villages next week to raise funds for the Macmillan cancer charity.

Billed as the largest coffee morning in the world the national event raises millions of pounds every year.

Events on September 27 will include coffee mornings at The Wynnstay Hotel, Oswestry, organised by the Oswestry branch of Macmillan, one at Montgomery Hall Hotel run by the Montgomery branch, and one at the Senior Citizens' Club in Whittington organised by Mrs Rita Moir and friends. Many coffee morning will include fundraising stall and raffles.

On September 28 there will be a coffee morning organised by Jo Battams at the Whole Life Centre in Oswestry.

This year specially-baked muffins are adding to the total in Oswestry.

Owner of Sweeney Hall Hotel Sean Evans and Head Chef Tom Roberts will be making hundreds of tasty muffins free-of-charge for Borderland Rotary to distribute around the town's coffee and tea shops for sale on September 27.

Mike Lade, from the Rotary Club, said: "So many people in the town have been touched by cancer and that includes the Borderland Rotary Club. On top of the money raised through the coffee and tea shops, Borderland Rotary will add another £250 in the names of member past and present.

"Participating shops will be displaying the Macmillan posters over the next few weeks and we are asking for everyone in the town to support the Macmillan cause and their magnificent work by having a coffee and a cake."

A list of shops and hotels participating in the event can be found by looking at **www.borderlandrotary.co.uk**

Matches cancelled due to roof leak

INDOOR football matches are being cancelled because a leaking roof at a sports centre is causing a waterlogged pitch.

Richard Jermy who organises five a side soccer sessions at the St Martins School sports hall, at St Martin's, Oswestry, has accused Shropshire Council bosses of losing potential income because they have not got around to repairing the roof.

He says four of the last nine of the weekly sessions have been cancelled because rain has come through got on to the floor.

And with the council losing £20 a session each time it is cancelled, Mr Jermy says the authority is missing out.

Mr Jermy, a driving instructor from Chirk, said: "I have been using Rhyn Park sports hall every week for over 10 years.

"In the last few months I have had several sessions cancelled due to a leaking roof. Whoever has heard of indoor football being cancelled due to a waterlogged pitch? This farce has now reached a point where I will be taking my business elsewhere.

"I wrote to the council three times, I have spoken to the person in charge of leisure facilities and enough is enough.

"It is ridiculous that our indoor football is cancelled because of a waterlogged pitch."

A spokesman for Shropshire council said: "The work to repair/the roof to the sports hall is part of a larger project to refurbish and extend St Martin's School a project due to be completed by July 2014.

"Unfortunately we are unable to confirm when work on the roof will begin as we are awaiting confirmation from the contractor."

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Hope House staff preparing for their London Night Walk, from left, Kerry Ferguson, Louise Corfield and Chloe Evans. *Picture: Peter Flemmich.*

Golden opportunity for hospice

THE streets of London will be paved with gold as part of a fundraising event in aid of Shropshire's Hope House Children's Hospice.

The London Bridges Night Walk will be held in the capital and will see fundraisers for the charity, which has a base at Morda near Oswestry, will take on a 10-mile route along the banks of the River Thames crossing 11 bridges.

The event will take place on November 2 and organisers have said walkers will be able to combine the event with a day out in London.

The event will include free, optional return coach travel, light refreshments at the finish and free time in London for some Christmas shopping or visiting the sights.

Kerry Ferguson, from the fundraising team at the hospice, said: "The London event is a fantastic opportunity for supporters to take on a challenge, whilst enjoying a day shopping or sight-seeing.

"Following on from last year's event this promises to be a day of camaraderie bringing together family, friends, colleagues, all walking for one extremely worthy cause. Everyone that takes part will come away with a real sense of achievement and some fantastic memories of the day.

"It is £20 to register and we ask that everyone raise £100 minimum sponsorship, to find out more visit the website **www.hopehouse.org.uk** or call the fundraising team on (01691) 671671."

Accidents fear as verges are being left untrimmed

VERGES and roundabouts on trunk roads are being left to grow so tall that Oswestry Town Council fears it could lead to accidents.

by Sue Austin

Government cuts in the budget for the Highways Agency, which is responsible for trunk roads in England, have led to a change in policy for grass cutting along the routes.

The policy is good for wildlife that flourishes in the long grass, but can be a pain for drivers trying to look into the distance at junctions.

Now members of one council have called on policy makers to ensure grass along main roads across the county are trimmed regularly.

Many verges are being cut as summer comes to an end, but the warm weather, followed by a wet end of August, has led to grass growing higher than normal.

This week Oswestry Town Council criticised the state verges alongside the bypass and roundabouts including, until recently, the tall grass on the Mile End roundabout the third busiest in the county. Mayor of Oswestry, Councillor Chris Schofield said he had had more than one complaint about the state of the Mile End roundabout and had written to the Highways Agency about a fortnight ago.

"I wonder if it is coincidence that the grass has now been cut," he said.

Councillor Paul Milner took a motion to Wednesday's town council meeting saying he was seriously concerned about the condition of both the Mile End and Gobowen roundabouts during 2013. Members at the meeting called for verges to be kept under control across the whole of the county.

Councillor Milner said: "Not only does it restrict visibility for motorists it does little to promote Oswestry as a visitor attraction and help our local economy," he said.

"It has been an accident waiting to happen. I am very concerned."

He said he had also written to MP Owen Paterson about the matter and had pointed out the amount of ragwort – poisonous to animals – on the verges of the trunk roads.

Councillor Martin Bennett said he had been talking with the Highways Agency.

"Budget cuts mean the Highways Agency now does such work on highway safety grounds and not on visual amenity," he said.

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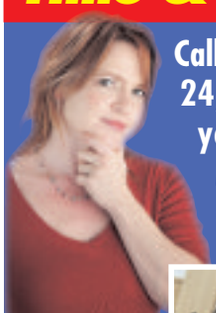
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Speeding figures find high number of village culprits

NEARLY half of the motorists caught speeding through Gobowen actually live in the area, new figures have revealed.

The data gathered by the Safer Roads Partnership has shown 47 per cent of people handed speeding fines for driving too fast in Gobowen, near Oswestry, live in the village. And 76 per cent of those caught live in Shropshire.

The figures have been released in the latest update on the partnership's crackdown on speeding on St Martins Road in the village. A speed van has been sited at the side of the road on regular occasions near the village primary school over the past two years.

by Iain St John

Bosses say although the speed of vehicles has dropped, work will continue to target motorists who are still ignoring the safety message.

Anna Higgins from the group said: "The Safer Roads Partnership is still enforcing the speed limit at St Martins Road in Gobowen, in direct response to local community concern.

"It is encouraging to see that the speed of vehicles has dropped since enforcement began – 15 per cent of drivers are exceeding 35.6mph compared to 38.4mph back in October 2011.

"Based on our experience in other sites, we hope we can bring this down even further. We are working with our partners to identify options to continue to reduce speeds and maintain them at an acceptable level once enforcement ends.

"Speed data collected at the site has highlighted that 76 per cent of offenders are from Shropshire. Of that, 47 per cent are from Gobowen itself."

Councillor David Lloyd, who represents Gobowen on Shropshire Council, said: "It is a great shame that people who live in the village and know the dangers of children crossing there are speeding in Gobowen."

A campaign to bring a pedestrian crossing to St Martins Road in Gobowen is also continuing. More than 750 people have signed petitions amid worries that speeding will lead to a fatal accident.

Hospital foyer hosts concert

NURSES doctors and other staff will be teaming up with professional musicians for a fundraising concert tomorrow.

At 7.30pm the main foyer of the Oswestry orthopaedic hospital will be transformed into a concert hall in aid of the hospital's Bone Cancer Centre Appeal.

The concert programme, in both Welsh and English, ranges from classical music to poetry recitals and will be performed by both staff volunteers and local artists.

The idea for the traditional Borders theme event came from consultant rheumatologist, Dr Mark Garton, who will be playing the cello at the concert.

So far the Appeal has raised over £110,000 of the £500,000 target. For concert tickets priced £20 for adults and £15 concessions, with a £5 discount for Foundation Trust members), call (01691) 404424 or e-mail **marketing@rjah.nhs.uk** or to donate to the appeal please go and visit the website **www.rjah.nhs.uk/BoneCancerAppeal**

Pylons prompt name change

Navigation Inn owner Brent Ellis is briefly changing the name of his pub to The Pylon Inn. ***Picture: Peter Flemmich.***

A PUB at Maesbury Marsh adopted a new name for one day only in support of a campaign against controversial power plans.

The Navigation Inn at Maesbury Marsh changed its name to the The Pylon Inn in a move to raise awareness of what campaigners say is a huge threat to the area's rural landscape.

The campaigners say plans for windfarms in Mid Wales and plans for a power cable to take the energy created to the national electricity network would ruin the countryside and devastate the tourist industry. In a bid to raise awareness owners of the Navigation Inn decided to have a pylon-themed day.

That included changing the name of the pub for the day to the Pylon Inn and having a fundraising dinner.

Staff even went as far as to answer the phone as "Pylon Inn" to callers.

Brent Ellis from the pub said the change had raised some eyebrows. He said: "Certainly when we have been saying Pylon Inn when we answer the phone has made our suppliers and customers a bit curious about what it is all about.

"And I suppose that is the point. We want to raise awareness of the issue because it is important and we want to start a dialogue.

"We know there are people who support windfarms and there are very much people against it.

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NEWS in brief

Parents invited to school open week

PROSPECTIVE pupils and parents from the Chirk area have been invited to Ruabon secondary for its open week beginning on Monday.

Guided tours for parents will be available each day and places should be booked in advance by contacting the school office on (01978) 822392.

The traditional open evening will be held from 6.30pm to 8.30pm on September 25. During the evening, staff will be on hand to answer questions and headteacher Alun Harding will speak to parents about the school values and recent developments.

Growing herbs is subject of talk

GROWING herbs and using them in cooking and healing will be the subject of a presentation at a smallholders' group's next meeting.

Louise Idoux, from Oswestry Herbarium, will be sharing her knowledge with members of North Shropshire and Borders Smallholders Group on September 25. The group will meet at Llanyblodwell and Porthywaen Hall, near Oswestry, at 7.30pm.

All are welcome and there will be a charge of £3 for visitors which includes refreshments. Call (01691) 656516 or see **www.northshrop-smallholder.co.uk**

Car theft victim had to pay £250 to get his vehicle back

A car theft victim was delighted to discover his motor had been recovered by police – only to be told he had to pay £250 to get it back.

Mel Williams' 25-year-old Ford Escort XR3 was taken in the early hours of the morning while it was parked outside his home at Morda near Oswestry.

The car was traced to College Road in Oswestry and taken away for forensic examination by a recovery service company used by the police.

Mr Williams said he later called the recovery service to ask whether he was able to have the car back and was told he would have to pay a £250 fee.

by Iain St John

The 51-year-old, who works at Terry's Autos in Chirk, said: "The car was taken at about 3am on Monday. The police came to the door at about 3.50am to tell me the car had been stolen but they had arrested three lads and had found the car.

"The next day I called the recovery service to ask when I could have it back. They said the police were doing forensic work on it in the yard.

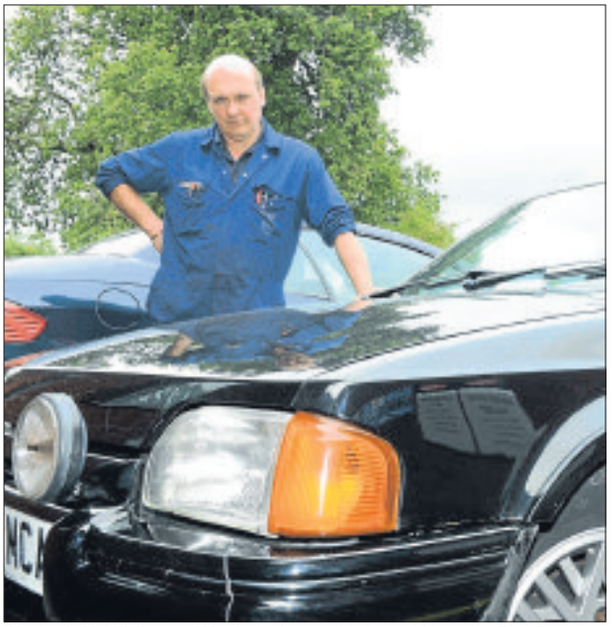
"I called them back later on and they said the forensic work had been done. They said I could have the car back but the steering column had been ripped out, the bumper was hanging a bit and the lights were damaged.

"They said I had to pay £250 to cover the cost of its recovery. I was amazed. I am the victim here and have done nothing wrong but I am expected to pay out. I never asked for the car to be taken away. I will have to pay to repair the damage anyway."

Inspector Rik Klair said: "We are aware of the matter and are looking into the full circumstances."

West Mercia Police spokesman Richard Ewels said that force policy was that the owner or insurer was generally responsible for the statutory recovery fee for stolen vehicles.

"However, there may be cases with exceptional circumstances where the force will consider meeting the cost," he said. "This particular case is still being considered."



Mechanic Mel Williams, of Morda, had to pay £250 to get his stolen Ford Escort XR3 back.

Shock results from fire checks

SAFETY checks on electric blankets in Oswestry last year saw 15 per cent of them condemned as fire safety risks.

Residents in and around the town wanting free electric blanket checks this year must call Shropshire Fire and Rescue between Monday and September 27 to book their test.

The brigade's Community Fire Safety team has linked up with Shrewsbury's RMW Electrical to offer tests at Oswestry Fire Station on October 3 as part of an annual autumn fire prevention campaign.

Anyone taking up the offer must call the team on (01743) 260260 to book a time slot for the test, said team member Alison Teece.

"If you are unable to bring your electric blanket to the fire station you should carry out your own safety checks," she said. "Check regularly for scorch marks or visual signs of damage, don't fold but roll it, and never buy or use a second hand blanket." Go to **www.shropshirefire.gov.uk**

Sixth form centre to hold open evening

THE Oswestry Sixth Form Centre at Walford and North Shropshire College will hold an open evening next month to show prospective students and their parents what it has to offer.

Walford and North Shropshire College has been providing A-levels in Oswestry since 1979 when the college opened as a tertiary institution. Deputy principal Paul May said that the college offered more than 20 A-level subjects within its Oswestry Sixth Form Centre.

"This year A-level students produced a 100 per cent pass rate, with most of them progressing to their chosen university. Modern, dedicated sixth form facilities, experienced A-level tutors and excellent pastoral support provide the environment in which post-16 students can study and develop as independent learners on their journey to higher education. For all of the last 30 years there have been sixth form lessons in Oswestry.

For students in year 11, there is an open evening at the college on October 17 from 5pm-8pm which offers students and their parents/guardians an opportunity to tour the facilities, chat to A-level specialist tutors and meet the head of faculty.

For details about the centre at the Oswestry Campus, visit the website at **www.wnsc.ac.uk**

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Opticians marking eye health week

OSWESTRY residents are being invited to have their specs cleaned during National Eye Health Week.

BBR Opticians Ltd in Leg Street is marking National Eye Health Week.

The week aims to raise awareness of the importance of eye health and the need for everyone to have sight checks every two years to look after their eyes.

You can call into the practice to get your glasses ultrasonically cleaned and collect a free cleaning cloth and eye health booklet .

Helen Tudor from BBR Opticians Ltd said: "We hope as many Oswestry area residents as possible will help us to mark National Eye Health Week.

"Almost two million people in the UK are living with sight loss yet over half of sight loss can be avoided so it is vital everyone takes care of their eyes.

"By coming along to our National Eye Health Week event you can find out how you can keep your eyes healthy."

Francesca Marchetti, Chair of the National Eye Health Week Steering Group, said: "Sight is the sense people fear losing the most, yet many of us don't know the best way to look after our eyes. This is why it is so important you get your eye health tested every two years."

Patrols stepped up to stop burglaries

by Andrew Morris

HIGH visibility police patrols will be carried out in communities across Mid Wales following a spate of burglaries in the area.

Dyfed-Powys Police said it wanted to reassure residents in places such as Welshpool, Newtown, Llanfair Caereinion and Llanfyllin that officers are doing all they can to crackdown on the problem and have issued advice on how homeowners can help protect themselves.

Two men were charged with five burglaries in the Welshpool area last week and are due up at Welshpool Magistrates' Court on Tuesday, but officers say they are keen to build on that with further arrests.

Detective Inspector Diane Davies said: "Police are continuing to target burglars in the north of the county following a series of burglaries across Montgomeryshire."

She added: "We will continue to target the area with high visibility patrols and other operations aimed at disrupting and catching burglars. Burglary has a huge impact on victims, and in rural areas particularly there is fear of falling victim to this sort of crime.

"I want to reassure people that we will be out and about in rural communities aiming to stop these crimes and catching those who persist in such activity.

"I would also call on the public to help us achieve our aims by taking a few simple steps themselves. Make sure your outbuildings are locked and secure and if you see anything suspicious, please contact us straight away."

Inspector Rose Ann-Lloyd said people heading on holiday should also take measures to avoid burglaries.

She said: "The majority of criminals take advantage of opportunities presented to them, and it's important to minimise these opportunities by taking a few simple steps.

"These can include cancelling milk and newspaper deliveries, using automatic timer-switches to turn your lights on when it goes dark and not closing curtains.

DI Davies said police can be reached on 101 in a non-emergency.

A bouncing bundle

Baby Theo Adamson with mother Joleen at home in Chirk. Theo weighed in at a whopping 11lb 6oz when he was born.

A COUPLE who struggled to conceive have produced a bouncing baby weighing in at a whopping 11lb 6oz.

When Joleen Adamson went into hospital to deliver her baby, she never expected that 36 hours later she would be the proud – and exhausted – mum of the largest baby the hospital staff had ever seen.

Joleen, 29, from Chirk, went into Wrexham Maelor Hospital expecting a straightforward natural birth, having been told that everything was normal during her scans.

Baby Theo finally made his big entrance, astonishing hospital staff with his size.

And newborn-sized clothes that Joleen and her husband Lee, 42, had bought ready for the birth proved too small for Theo, who is already growing out of clothes made for babies aged three to six months.

She said: "They measured him at the hospital and he was 60cm long. When I tell people how much he weighed I think they assume he's fat, but he's just big. He's got big hands and big feet, and the clothes he's wearing are coming up his legs."

Films to be screened in town during the autumn

FILMS will be screened in Oswestry for free during the autumn in October and November.

All the movies are being showcased at the Hermon community venue in the town.

Duncan Kerr, who runs the building in Chapel Street, has picked four films but says he would welcome ideas of movies that could be shown at future screenings.

On October 7 there will be the social comedy, Grow Your Own, 15, which is a story about an allotment in the north.

Good Vibrations, certificate 18, will be shown on October 21, and on November 18 there will be a screening of Children of Heaven, certificate U, a story from Iran of the bond between a brother and sister.

On November 4, the film Trashed will look at the risks to the environment through pollution.

Mr Kerr said: "The public can see a hand-picked film on our giant screen."

He added: "There's no charge but you can leave a donation.

"All films start at 7.30pm and the usual cinema refreshments are available."

Speed case delayed

A WOMAN led police on a high speed chase travelling at speeds of up to 80mph, a court heard.

Emma Millward, 38, of Glanabar, Llanfyllin, was driving a silver Mercedes van on the B4393 at Llanfechain and along the A490 towards Llanfyllin when police officers attempted to stop her, it is alleged.

Millward appeared at Welshpool Magistrates Court where she denied a charge of dangerous driving in relation to the chase on July 3.

Magistrates said the case was too serious to be held at the court and adjourned the matter to Mold Crown Court on September 27. Millward was given unconditional bail.

Coffee date for charity

A COFFEE morning to help two cancer charities will be held in Oswestry.

The event, organised by Jo Battams, will be held on September 28 between 10am and noon at the Whole Life Centre, Cabin Lane.

The proceeds will be split between the Macmillan Cancer charity and the Bone Cancer Centre Appeal at the Orthopaedic Hospital, Oswestry.

There will be stalls including cakes, pickles, jam, tombola and more.

Web design company boss is nominated for award

THE managing director of a Welshpool web design and mobile app company has been nominated for an award.

Richard Glover-Davies, managing director of GloverSure Ltd in Welshpool, has shortlisted for the entrepreneur prize at Powys Business Awards.

The 31-year-old triumphed at the awards in 2010 and 2011, as well as scooping the small business award at the Achievement Wales Business Awards in 2011.

GloverSure has been established for nine years and now comprises a 12-strong team. Mr Glover-Davies also rents out a large commercial unit and serviced office space at the Severn Business Centre in Welshpool.

Mr Glover-Davies said he was delighted to have been shortlisted for a prize at the awards, and proud to be part of the Powys business scene.

He said: "There are some great, really successful businesses in Powys and I see evidence of this all the time when visiting my customers in the county, so I'm really honoured to be shortlisted for a prize.

"I'd like to thank my talented staff for all their hard work, and all of my customers."

Mr Glover-Davies said that GloverSure is set to expand, as he is currently seeking to recruit three new staff members.

Prize-winners will be announced at an awards ceremony on September 27.

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A little bit of what you fancy is recipe for health

BREEZE ABOUT TOWN
with Graham Breeze

IF you believed everything you read in the national press about the do's and dont's of what you can eat or drink life really wouldn't be worth living.

The week started with announcements that drinking fruit juice could be bad for us – my poor mother would turn in her grave if she knew that.

Then headlines shouted that giving babies Calpol increased the risk of them getting asthma. That's the same Calpol that generations of families have sworn by.

Eating sausages can pose a real danger to your health we were also informed.

A report published by the Department For Environment, Food And Rural Affairs told us one in 10 sausages may carry the hepatitis virus. I read that less than 15 minutes after devouring two beautiful bangers with bacon, egg and mushrooms. Not to mention the black pudding and fried bread.

Then we were warned keeping eggs in a fridge – or not in a fridge – could lead to salmonella issues either way – you are left to make up your own minds as there are experts on both sides of the henhouse.

Confusingly we are told drinking wine each night is now good for us when for years experts have been warning we are all drinking ourselves into an early grave.

Excuse me if I take no notice of any of it. A little bit of what you fancy will always do you good in my book.

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ENGLAND finally followed Wales by passing a law that will see shops charging you 5p for every plastic bag – but not until 2015.

What's that all about, and why wait that long?

The system works in Wales and Scotland and Northern Ireland will follow next year so why wait until 2015 to introduce something so simple and yet so important?

And the Government has also agreed that only stores employing more than 250 people will have to charge while in Wales all stores do. Absolutely crazy.

As well as the obvious benefits to the environment and the fact that the money raised by the 5p sales will go to charities tackling the impact plastic bags have on wildlife it's a no-brainier to delay it.

Unless of course there may be a General Election in the offing before then.

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What really wound me up this week was news that the Met Office staff will share a £1 million bonus simply for doing their jobs properly. The huge bonus will be paid because staff have shocked us all by getting the forecasts right – well mostly anyway.

I'm sure I got soaked playing golf the other day when they said the sun would shine.

How can this payment be justified? The world is going crazy.

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THIS week I take my hat off to three wonderful people who ran (I use the word loosely) the Lake Vyrnwy Half Marathon on Sunday in lousy weather conditions to raise money for the Oswestry Chronicle's Keeping Oswestry Alive appeal.

Our own Sue Austin and Marcus Evans alongside Alison Lee-Birch all completed the course and are nursing some sore bones and muscles this week.

There's still time to help the cause by sponsoring them.

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Revamped market opening is celebrated 50 years on

by Iain St John

CELEBRATIONS have been held to mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of Oswestry's renovated market hall.

Although a market has existed in the town for more than 800 years, the current Powis Hall Indoor Market on the Bailey Head opened its doors for business on September 11, 1963.

That year it was the 5th Earl of Powis who had the honour of declaring the building open.

And it was fitting that his descendant, the 8th Earl of Powis, was on hand to launch the celebrations.

Among those celebrating was stallholder Teresa Jones who received a long service award for running her sugarcraft and cake decorating stall at the market for 33 years.

Oswestry Mayor Chris Schofield said: "Teresa is a shining example to all the other traders and is an example of why the market is so special.

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"She is great character and has a wonderful wit. She is something of a legend in her own lifetime because she is so well known and traders such as Teresa are so important to the market.

"The town council has spent a lot of money on the market and I see it as a great opportunity for people to start new businesses at minimal cost."

Mrs Jones said she was delighted to receive the long service medal.

She said: "It is a really nice touch from the council. The secret of running a successful stall for such a long time is really down to hard work.

"I am here first thing in the morning as soon as the doors open. You need to keep your stall stocked, you need to keep up to date with the latest fashions.

"It is hard work and you do work the full day but I have really nice customers. I think markets like this do have a future because you get the personal touch that you don't get from supermarkets."

Officials and guests at the opening of the Oswestry Powis Hall market in 1963.

Visiting Oswestry Market, from left, Mayor of Oswestry Councillor Chris Schofield, Mayoress Val Schofield, the Earl of Powis and Cynthia Hawksley, chairman of the parks and car parks committee. *Picture: Ian Sheppard.*

The Earl of Powis said he was delighted to attend the celebration.

He said: "It is a very good market and it is good to see markets thriving. These covered markets are doing very well. This is an upgraded one and it's a bit posher and has a wonderful transparent lift in there , too."

The visit was the second time the earl had attended the market in his official capacity in two years.

The market was officially re-opened last year by the earl following an upgrade to the facilities.

A new lift, toilets and wifi internet, as well as new canopies to stalls and signs to welcome shoppers inside were installed.

Improvements were funded by both Oswestry Town Council and Shropshire Council after the market hall won a nationwide Times newspaper competition to receive a new makeover design from Sir Terence Conran.

Markets manager David Clough said yesterday's celebration was a welcome opportunity to celebrate the market, its history and its continuing success.

Mr Clough said: "Things are going well. The market is fully attended and we even have a small waiting list for stalls.

"We are continually working to improve the market and increase the number of people who use it. We are very grateful to the earl for taking the time to come to the market and join in the celebration.

"It is important to recognise the importance of the market."

The market's newest stallholder had another reason to join in the celebrations. Yesterday was the first day of business for Lynda Jones of Llynclys Hall Farm Shop.

She said: "It has been great, very busy. We have been here before with the farmers market and people were always asking if we were here more often so we took up a stall.

"We will be here on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturday."

Markets have been a major part of the trading and historical importance of Oswestry and have existed for many centuries. The first known charter was granted during the reign of Henry II when the town was known as Whiteminster.

In 1262 a charter was granted by John FitzAlan, Lord of the Manor To our Burgesses of our village of Oswaldestree.

The success of the market was recognised earlier this year when it won the accolade of best council-run market in a national award scheme.

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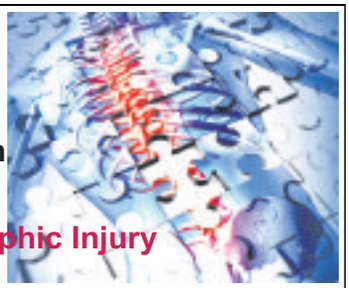

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If the arrangement between the old and new company is proven to be improper you may be able to recover some or all of the judgment debt by taking legal action. For example, if the new company has not paid the old company full value for the business and assets, it is possible to challenge the validity of the transaction on the basis that its principal purpose was to defraud creditors such as yourself. Alternatively, it may be that the agreement to transfer the assets to the new company is defective and you (or court enforcement officers on your behalf) may be able to establish that the old company still owns such assets. Initially, you should raise your concerns with the liquidator, as his principal duty is to the creditors of the company.

If the liquidator is unwilling to take action, you should seek independent legal advice to determine whether you have a good claim against the new company or its directors.

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LETTERS

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Questions raised by threat to A&E units

MR Ron Jones in his excellent letter outlined the policies and principles adopted by the Trust Board in relation to hospital services, and asked the question "So, what has changed?" in relation to accident and emergency services.

I had sought answers by searching through Trust minutes and agendas. I found nothing to suggest that any principle or policy had been changed nor any record of any formal decision to call for consultation.

Since the announcement about consultation, which inevitably created public alarm, confusion, polarised views, and started petitions, the Trust Board appears to have gone to ground. The acting chair of the Trust Board, Mr Martin Beardwell, needs to recognise the anger this initiative has caused amongst the people of Powys, Telford and Shropshire and to tell us, publicly, some important facts, such as:

By whom, or by what body, was the decision to call for public consultation specifically on A&E re-configuration taken, and when. If the decision was taken by an individual or persons not on the SATH Board tell us who they are, and did they have the prior approval of the Board?

If the decision was taken at a Board or other meeting, tell us where we can see the relevant minutes and who voted for consultation and who didn't?

Why was no mention made of any A&E re-configuration in the SATH newsletter A Healthier Future published in July?

The outcome of this latest exercise, if it takes place, will be that the people of Telford, Shropshire and Powys and countless public bodies and professional organisations, will tell SATH, yet again, that we need full A&E services at both hospitals. How many times do they need telling? If the current executives are telling the Board it's not feasible the Board needs to replace them with executives who will face up to problems and solve them, not run away.

This ludicrous consultation will to cost a lot of money, and almost certainly some of it will be spent on fat fees for consultants. It's our money Mr Beardwell, stop wasting it and spend it on health care.

BOB GROOM
Trench

Better to speak rather than text

LIFE can be pleasant if you allow it to.

To do it is to be pleasant to those who you meet in your travels along the way.

Going about your business day by day.

Learn to speak, and not to text.

It's hard to do but what do you expect?

We live in a world where talking's become a pain.

If we allow technology will drive you insane.

With computers smart phones and iPods too I don't really need to talk to you.

That's why I'm sending this e-mail which says it all.

No longer need to phone you to give you a call.

Which in itself is a dying shame.

But there again have ourselves to blame.

So make a promise to stop this trend.

Before we end up losing all our friends.

Make a promise to pick up the phone

Next time you're sitting alone at home friends like to hear your voice on the phone.

Particularly when they too are sitting alone.

By doing this you will heighten their day.

A text or e-mail is not the right way.

God gave us a voice so to one another we can speak.

So stop e-mailing and texting, and learn once again to speak.

DAVE COPPARD
Powys

HERE we are in The Square, Gobowen, in a view from a postcard which was franked in Oswestry on July 5, 1947. The postcard was sent to Mrs J.W. Mullinex, of Walford Hall Cottage, Baschurch. The message was: "So sorry it was such a wet day for you last Sat – better luck some other time we hope. Tomorrow, however, is the day we have promised to go to 'Summerhill' & Mikas (this name is difficult to read) sent to say she is expecting us. Best love to all. John (again, this name or signature is uncertain)." The postcard is from the collection of Ray Farlow.

Charging migrants plan will be burden

THE BMA responded to the government's consultations on charging migrants for accessing the NHS service – proposals that we believe will inconvenience patients across Shropshire and will put an increased burden on the already over stretched GP services.

It is difficult to see how plans to introduce charging for migrants could be implemented without ensuring every patient in Shropshire is checked by their GP practice when they register.

This could cause long waits and delays at GP practices and put huge stress on services as the NHS does not have the infrastructure or resources to introduce a complicated charging system.

Already, Shropshire GPs are feeling increased pressure from the administrative burden created by the government's health reforms, cuts to funding and rising patient demand. This includes handling an increasingly complex workload from an ageing population and additional work that used to be done in hospitals.

Anyone accessing NHS services should be eligible to do so, but the government's proposals are impractical, uneconomic and inefficient.

We have seen with the recent NHS 111 phoneline fiasco what happens when an ill thought-out policy is rushed through without proper consideration of the practical implications.

Ministers need to learn from recent experiences and work with healthcare professionals to find workable solutions to the issue.

DR M MCCARTHY
British Medical Association

Campaign unlikely to halt carnage

DRIVING around posters have appeared with the slogan 'Think Biker'.

Are these posters there to implore other road users to be alert as there could be loonies on motorbikes about, or is it a case of simply urging bikers to THINK about other people?

There is never a week passes without a report of a road accident involving a motorbike, and quite often there is a fatality.

As road users, a bike rider is required to observe the rules of the road, the same as anyone else.

From my observations, it is little wonder why we hear of accidents, because the impression is that a lot of riders have a deathwish.

You do see good standards of bike riding but the total lack of enforcement allows the carnage to continue.

CHRIS BROWN
Westbury

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Fracking will not cut families' energy bills

GREAT News! Fracking will provide us with cheap energy for 10 decades. I remember another energy El Dorado a few years ago, which promised the same thing and delivered nothing – North Sea oil.

It was going to eliminate energy bills for all – free gas and electricity – it never happened. Mrs Thatcher used the revenue from North Sea oil to get her Tory government out of serious financial trouble and, to compound the problem, she privatised the energy utilities resulting in ever-increasing bills for customers.

Expect more of the same from fracking – a few millionaires aided by politicians and energy costs that the public can ill afford. It is a stark indication of the plummeting standards in this country that in 2013 there are old people who cannot afford to keep warm.

BOB WYDELL
Oswestry

Appalled by destruction of Offa's Dyke

I WAS appalled at the recent destruction of a section of Offa's Dyke, near Chirk, by a land owner wanting to build a stable block.

Reportedly the excuse for this destruction was that he/she had bought the land and did not know Offa's Dyke was located on it.

I find this very hard to believe, as most people who buy land are keen to have it defined by a map to accompany any deeds, to give them legal right to the land. Most purchasers will consult the Land Registry. Most maps show Offa's Dyke.

All land owners need to be notified by English Heritage, and its Welsh equivalent, and a map forwarded to inform them if they have any section of Offa's or Watt's Dyke on their land and that they have a duty not to carry out any works on or near to it which will cause damage to it.

J MCCARTHY
Oswestry

Plants good for the bees

IT really is a great shame that there is a battle to halt the spread of the Himalayan Balsam although I know it is regarded as a threat to vegetation.

I used to allow three or four of these plants (also known at "Touch-me-not" and "Policeman's helmet") to grow every year.

I mainly grew them because the bees absolutely love them.

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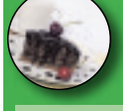
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NEWS in brief

Lots of fun on offer at school's event

A FUN day is to be held at Oldford School, Welshpool, on Saturday from 11am-4pm, with free admission.

There will be a variety of activities for all ages including circus skills, craft workshops, childrens fancy dress competition, African drumming, and sports, plus bouncy castles that are free.

There will be stalls and side shows and a burger van.

Festival fun helps outreach centre

THERE'S a night of live entertainment on Saturday at The Raven in Welshpool.

The Lights Out Festival will feature performances from Rolobenz, Siren Effect, Nicole Phillips, The Cavande, Rose Cheney, Betheny Bryan and other acts.

It is being held in association with Sainsbury's to support the Ponthafren Outreach Centre.

Entry is free and the entertainment is from 2pm-11pm.

Party time with hits from the 80s

IT'S party time at Welshpool Town Hall on Saturday when Rainbow Records present a night of 80s entertainment.

There will four hours of non-stop 1980s party music, from 8pm and revellers are invited to wear fancy dress. Tickets £10.

Councillors reject plans to axe a dozen bus services

COUNCILLORS have rejected plans to axe a dozen bus services completely and reduce another 16 in a move which was designed to cut costs.

The council wanted to put an end to some services in Welshpool, Newtown, Llanfair Caereinion and Llanrhaeadr as it bids to save up to £500,000 from its transport budget.

Despite the proposed cuts, a report to the council's cabinet said the £500,000 target would not be met and was forecast to be £464,000.

But members of the council's cabinet rejected the plans and decided instead to look at the council's transport service as a whole and see where more fundamental changes can be made.

by Andrew Morris

Councillor Barry Thomas, cabinet member for transport, said: "Publicly supported transport provision across the county must be fair and equitable even if that service is provided with vastly reduced resources.

"We have considered a number of options to meet budget reductions and concluded that although capable of delivering the necessary savings the impact on service delivery is not equitable and impacts rural communities.

"We have asked for a fundamental review examining all integrated public service transport provision to see if other options are available to us. By delaying the decision we can widen the scope of the review and identify savings of up to 20 per cent, meeting our current target and future reductions needed as a result of the comprehensive spending review.

"We believe if we adopt a positive commissioning approach we will be able to come up with more acceptable options.

"And, whatever options we propose will be the subject of meaningful community consultation before any decision is taken. But we cannot reduce our spending to meet budget reduction from Welsh Government without impact. Cuts of the size demanded will mean less service across the county but that remaining must be fair and equitable."

Woman denies driving charge

A WOMAN led police on a high speed chase travelling at speeds of up to 80mph, a court heard.

Emma Millward, 38, of Glanabar, Llanfyllin, was driving a silver Mercedes van on the B4393 at Llanfechain and along the A490 towards Llanfyllin when police officers attempted to stop her, it is alleged.

Millward appeared at Welshpool Magistrates Court on Tuesday where she denied a charge of dangerous driving in relation to the chase on July 3.

Miss Helen Tench, prosecuting, said officers began to follow the van after it was clocked doing 75mph in a 40mph zone, before increasing its speed to 80mph in a 60mph zone. She said the prosecution case is that the van did not stop and was chased to Llanfyllin, where it finally came to a halt.

Magistrates said the case was too serious to be held at the court and adjourned the matter to Mold Crown Court on September 27. Millward was given unconditional bail.

Rural group's delight at donation

NFU Cymru President Ed Bailey presenting the cheque to David John.

MEMBERS of Wales's rural group, Future Farmers of Wales, were delighted to receive a donation for £500 from farming union, NFU Cymru recently.

On presenting the £500 cheque, NFU Cymru President Ed Bailey said: "NFU Cymru is absolutely delighted to support the Future Farmers of Wales and its study tour.

"This sponsorship activity demonstrates our commitments to help at grass roots level and indeed illustrates our support to the future development of people in the farming industry." Accepting the cheque, Future Farmers of Wales' Chairman, David John, said: "NFU Cymru has supported Future Farmers of Wales for a number of years and on behalf of our members I would like to thank the union not only for its generous donation but also for its continuous support.

"This donation will be used for our study tour in Hannover for Agritechnica 2013. It is the World leading event for machinery and equipment in Agriculture. It's heartening that we can work closely with NFU Cymru, as more often than not we are working towards the same goal within rural Wales."

Locals are asked to take part in scheme

COMMUNITIES are being urged to do their bit to improve open spaces and help pollinating insects by taking part in a unique scheme.

Powys County Council and Natural Resources Wales have teamed up to give away native fruit trees, such as apple, pear, cherry and plum trees, as part of the Community Nectar Tree scheme.

The scheme aims to raise awareness of the importance of pollinating insects and the current decline of many native species, including bees.

Town and community councils, schools and other community groups in Powys are eligible to apply for up to 15 trees per site to plant within their local area.

Councillor Rosemarie Harris, cabinet member responsible for countryside services, said planting the trees would help insects and the countryside bloom.

She said: "Planting these trees in our local open spaces where they can be enjoyed by the local community and benefit biodiversity has to be a good thing and is such a simple thing to do."

If you're interested in applying for free community fruit trees, contact Dr Emma Guy on (01597) 827599 or e-mail **biodiversity@powys.gov.uk**

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Ramblers all set for their next walk

Jim Rowley led seven Welshpool Ramblers on a circular route of about 10 miles in the Cefn Coch area.

GWYNETH Prosser will lead the Welshpool Ramblers on an eight-mile walk in the Newcastle upon Clun area on Sunday.

The walk will start from Brynmawr Farm at 10am on an unclassified lane NW of Newcastle. A purple balloon will be hung on the end of the lane for guidance.

There will be complimentary tea and cakes available for participants at the end of the walk. Meet at the start of the walk or at 9am in the upper part of Church Street car park, Welshpool, from where shared transport may be available.

Further information can be obtained by calling (01686) 630572.

One-way system fears

IT is only a matter of time before someone is killed or seriously injured unless changes are made to Welshpool's controversial town centre one-way system, it is claimed.

A number of near misses have been reported to Welshpool's county councillors, who are demanding Powys County Council confirm what changes are going to be made to the road.

Councillor Anne Holloway, a county and town councillor for Welshpool, said she fears if something is not done a serious accident could happen before the end of the year.

by Andrew Morris

She said there are a number of "pinch points" where drivers and pedestrians are still putting their lives at risk.

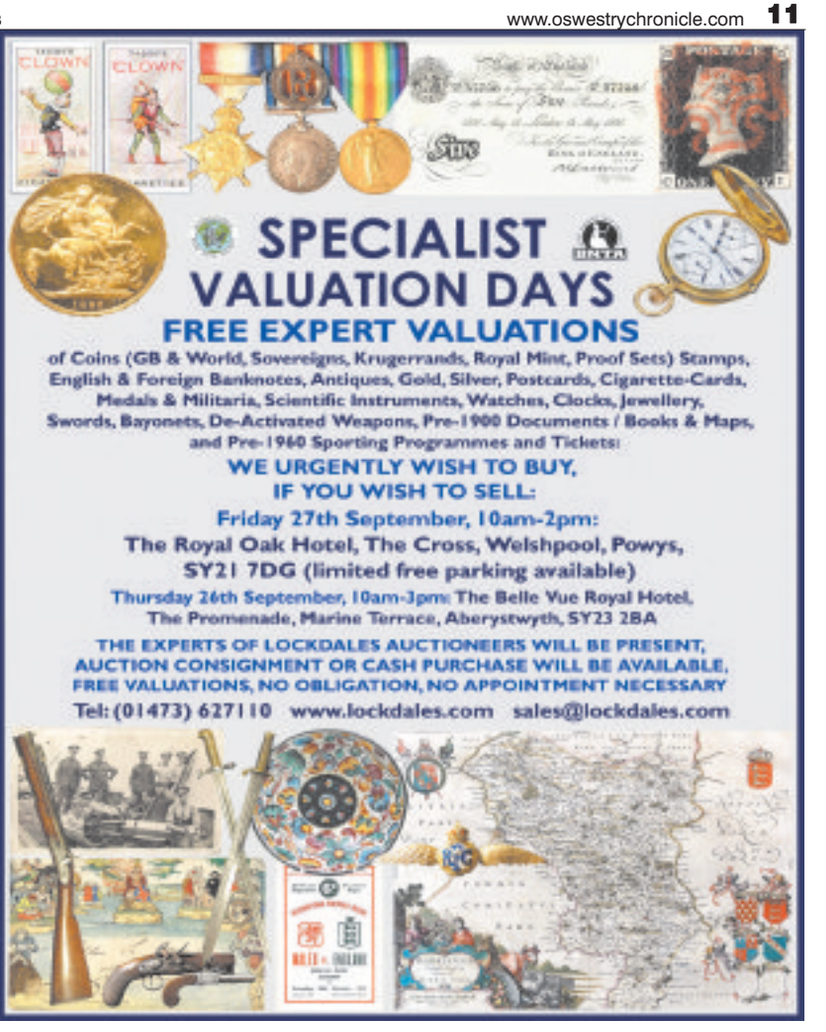
The system has been responsible for a number of bumps and incidents of people driving the wrong way since its launch in February 2011.

The authority carried out a review into the system last year, publishing a report in December saying many problems had been ironed out, but improvements could be made to safety.

But Councillor Holloway told a meeting of Powys County Council's Montgomeryshire committee: "I demand we get an update by the next Montgomeryshire meeting on October 9.

"It is a matter of time before someone dies or is seriously hurt. People are coming up to me still every single day and complaining."

Councillor Peter Lewis, chairman of the Montgomeryshire Committee, said he would be chasing the matter ahead of next month's meeting.



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Soldier shot in the head celebrates 90th birthday

by Graham Breeze

A SECOND World War hero who survived a bullet to the head during the D-Day invasion of Normandy has celebrated his 90th birthday.

The two soldiers standing either side of Walter Milner died of their injuries when they came under enemy fire, but he lived and was shipped back home to make a full recovery.

He and his wife have since returned to the cemeteries of France to pay their respects to the graves of comrades who never returned.

Mr Milner, who was born in Oswestry in 1923, joined the King's Shropshire Light Infantry when he was just 15 years old.

Beaches

Later he was one of the thousands of Allied troops who landed on the beaches of Normandy, in northern France, when the invasion began on June 6, 1944.

But just a month later, Mr Milner was seriously wounded by enemy gunfire and was returned home to a military hospital in Sheffield.

Mr Milner, who celebrated his birthday last week, said: "I was only 15 when I joined up and I was one of the first three soldiers to break out on to the calm plain after landing on the beach in Normandy."

His wife Sheila, 87, said: "He got wounded in the July and was brought back to this country and ended up in Sheffield Hospital after sustaining a bullet to the head area and elbow.

"The two soldiers that were stood either side of him were both killed by the same gunfire so he was extremely lucky in that sense.

"I think he spent the next three or four months in hospital."

Mr Milner, who now lives in Dithering-ton, Shrewsbury, was posted to the Maltings, now known as the Flax Mill, when it was used as a Light Infantry barracks during the Second World War.

He met his wife-to-be at a summer dance in Shrewsbury.

After recovering from his injuries, Mr Milner was sent to Northern Ireland in 1945 and went on to marry Sheila two years later.

Mrs Milner added: "We've been back to the cemeteries in France several times over the years and he has recognised names of friends who fought alongside him so it is really quite sad.

"He has a pretty good memory and actually talks more about his experiences now than he did before."

A big party for dozens of friends and family was held for Mr Milner at the Lord Hill Hotel, in Abbey Foregate.

The great survivor: A youthful Walter Milner stationed at the Maltings Barracks in Shrewsbury in 1945.

Happy in retirement: Walter and Sheila Milner today. *Picture: Peter Flemmich*

Duo head west for big cycle challenge

THOUSANDS of people embark on the Lands End to John O'Groats cycle ride each year but Shropshire cyclists Clayton Perdell and Richard Owen have opted for an east to west cycle challenge instead.

The intrepid duo will leave St David's in west Wales at dawn on Friday and by cycling up to 120 miles a day hope it will take three to four days to get to Lowestoft.

Along the way, and through their Just Giving page they will raising funds for Hope House and the Ellesmere-based Kenyan schools project.

Richard, a financial advisor from Ellesmere, has only been cycling for a year, taking up the hobby after his previous cross Britain trek, walking Hadrian's wall, that time from west to east.

"I finished the challenge and decided there must be faster way of crossing the country. So I hung up my boots and bought a bike."

He teamed up with friend, Clayton Perdell, who owns Oswestry building and construction company Jondell Ltd.

The support crew will be Mr Perdell's father-in-law, John Catmur.

Visit **http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/West2EastforCharity** to support the challenge.

Food giant is making plans for town site

FAST food giant McDonald's is moving forward in its plans to come to Oswestry after submitting plans for its signs and displays.

The restaurant will be built as part of the £56 million redevelopment of the Smithfield livestock site.

Detailed planning permission was granted for the site three weeks ago, which included the specifications for McDonalds, a five-screen Cineworld, large Morrisons food store, a Frankie & Benny's, and a further restaurant unit which has not yet been allocated.

And McDonalds has now submitted further plans for its signage and totem pole menu boards. The restaurant, at the north of the site, will be a two-storey building with parking spaces for 33 vehicles.

Seller looking to join forces

A KEEN eBay seller from Oswestry is looking for more people to join him in a post discount scheme.

Tim Robbins said he has negotiated a cheaper postage deal on items weighing up to 20kg with UPS. But he said he can get lower prices if he sends more items, so is inviting other people to join him.

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NEWS in brief

Charity cabaret for good causes

THE Castle Belles will perform a vocal cabaret charity evening in aid of Cystic Fibrosis and various cancer charities at Caereinion Leisure Centre on September 21, from 7.30pm. The programme includes songs by the Beatles, Abba, and the musical Chess.

Tickets at £8 from Margaret Jones, 07896 916001, include a glass of wine, and cheese and biscuits.

Evening of praise is on the menu

AN evening of praise and puddings is on the menu for Oswestry's harvest celebrations next month.

Churches Together in Oswestry District will hold a special service on October 6 at 6.30pm followed by a bring and share pudding feast. The service will be held at Hope Church Oswestry, in Laburnum Drive, and the collection will go to the Jubilee Money Advice Service.

Need a friend?

CHUMS Befriending Service, which started in July, has recruited volunteers and is looking for clients.

The group is a service mainly, but not exclusively, for disabled adults. Call Connie on (01691) 658008.

Gardeners meet

THE September meeting of Oswestry Garden Society at Cornerstone Baptist Church, in Oswestry, included a talk by Derek Jones on growing soft fruit.

Council digs deep to repair ancient motte and bailey

WORK to repair the ancient motte and bailey castle in Oswestry will cost more than £3,000, with no grants available from English Heritage.

One of the walls on Castle Bank is in danger of collapse after last year's severe and wet winter.

Reconstruction is expected to be carried out later this month after Oswestry Town Council voted to spend the £3,057 despite it being £807 over budget.

by Pam Griffin

Councillors were also asked to consider funding signage at Castle Bank, a project that would cost about £500, either by using money from next year's budget or using reserves.

But Councillor Martin Bennett successfully proposed deferment of the item.

He said: "Next year's budget will be extremely difficult and we cannot think about spending money now from that budget. Neither can we afford to take money from reserves."

A report to the council said there were no longer grants for such repair work from English Heritage.

The meeting also discussed issues involving road safety in the area. The issue of overgrown roundabouts and verges was discussed, with councillors vowing to write to the Highways Agency to call for them to be kept under control.

And the town council also called for a meeting with police to discuss priorities for road safety.

This week, Oswestry Town Council's development and planning committee heard worries about the Upper Brook Street area.

Councillor Paul Milner said members of the public had complained over a long time about the perceived speed of traffic on the road.

"There are two schools and an elderly independent living complex on the road. Even though there are zebra crossings the speed of traffic is still a concern," he said.

Other concerns were made about young drivers using the Gatacre Avenue area and councillors also heard of the "20s Plenty! campaign by injured cyclist, Sarah Charlotte Peace, to made Oswestry town centre a 20mph zone.

Councillor Bennett said it was the police that had to be responsible for enforcing speed limits.

Healthy advice for visitors to hospital

Sister Linda Head and Christine Hill of the League of Friends at the free health event at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital. *Picture: Peter Shah.*

VISITORS to Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital were given helpful hints on staying fit and healthy for as long as possible during a major health promotion day.

The Making Every Contact Count free health event was part of an NHS initiative and was staged at the hospital.

A number of the hospital's specialists were on hand to make various presentations on a range of topics such as back pain, hand, foot and hip problems.

Expert staff explained to visitors and patients how to maintain a healthy lifestyle and how to make simple changes to improve their own health and wellbeing.

Those visitors with aches and pains were also able to make the most of the day as the physiotherapy team at the hospital offered functional movement assessments on a first-come, first-served basis.

Additionally, there were exhibition stands from local organisations to offer information and advice.

Ruth Tyrrell, associate director of human resources, said: "The day has been really popular.

"It's been a great opportunity for patients to come along and get the benefit of meeting surgeons, physiotherapy and other specialist staff without having to have an appointment."

Families missing out on NHS cash

FAMILIES who are entitled to help in paying for NHS services in Mid Wales are missing out due to a shortage of refund forms, it has been claimed.

Russell George, Montgomeryshire AM, said the refund forms, which help people pay for services including dental treatment, eye tests, glasses, contact lenses and travel costs are not readily available in Mid Wales.

He said the forms, known as HC5 forms, were vital to help hard-up families pay for treatment.

Mr George said to obtain one of the forms you have to go online and ring a hotline, but no time line for their arrival could be guaranteed.

He said: "This apparent shortage of forms is alarming and will prove both frustrating and distressing for those who need a refund.

"It is my understanding that no forms are currently available via the helpline on the NHS Wales website and I know that they are also extremely difficult to obtain via any other means, particularly in Mid Wales.

"That isn't good enough and I have written to the health minister requesting an urgent update.

"It is the Labour government's job to keep this system ticking, and I have demanded clarity on the shortage."

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Bracelet making fun to celebrate bead business

Advertisement feature

AMANDA McGregor (formally Bright) opened Oswestry's first ever bead shop in Church Street in the late 1990s.

But soon after moving to larger premises in Beatrice Street, Amanda decided to close 'The Little Bead Shop' and take up the post of Town Centre Manager working for the Oswestry Town Centre Partnership.

On September 21 in 2011, 11 years after she closed 'The Little Bead Shop', Amanda launched her new venture 'Bright Beadz' at 33a Leg Street, which was originally set up to provide her son with work experience when he was struggling to get a job.

In October 2012, after her son found employment, Amanda gave up her job as Control Room Supervisor for Oswestry CCTV to work full time at Bright Beadz.

Bright Beadz relocated to larger premises at 20 Leg Street, in November 2012 where the business now stocks a much larger range of beads, jewellery making components, threading materials and the popular European-style bracelets and charms. Also it sells a range of imported handbags and scarves to complement the traditional and quirky handmade jewellery made on the premises by Amanda.

They are also part of the OSCO Parking Refund Scheme refunding up to 80p when you spend £15.

This Saturday Bright Beadz is celebrating it's second anniversary and will be changing it's name to 'The Oswestry Bead Workshop'. To mark the day they will be holding free 'drop-in' bracelet making workshops for children aged seven to 16 running from 11am to 3pm.

Amanda McGregor at the Bead Workshop.

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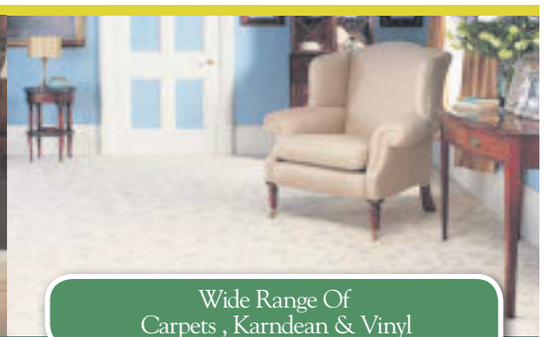
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Leisure centres' running criticised

THE future of leisure centres in Mid Wales has been called into question after a council chief hit out at a "stupid waste of money in certain departments".

Councillor Graham Brown, Powys County Council cabinet member for commissioning, said he is looking at leisure centre spending, and warned tough decisions lie ahead.

He told a meeting of the council's Montgomeryshire committee that he would be studying the finances of the county's 15 centres.

He said: "There are things going on like schools block booking facilities and then not using them, and the service as a whole needs looking at."

He added a subject which has particularly caught his attention is of leisure centre managers having to contact the council for even basic repairs.

He said: "There is one case where a toilet seat broke and they had to call the council which then had to call someone out and get it done and it cost about £80. Why is this method in place?"

In November last year it was revealed that control of the 15 leisure centres could be handed to an independent body. The authority said at the time that the centres needed more than £6 million of investment.

Work of night-shift police officers is commended

THE work of police officers working the Oswestry Saturday night shift has been commended by a town councillor who spent the evening on duty with them.

And Councillor Paul Milner said he was pleased to see the town's night-time economy was surviving despite the effects of the recession.

Mr Milner was with the police from 10pm on Saturday night until just gone 5am on Sunday to see for himself how the town and its late night pubs, takeaways and clubs were faring.

by Iain St John

He said he was impressed with what he saw and especially how the officers dealt with anti-social behaviour.

Cllr Milner said: "The town was very busy from about 11.30pm until around 3.30pm. It was the busiest it's been for some time according to some of the taxi drivers.

"There were two arrests for anti-social behaviour. They were both alcohol related which was a shame.

"The people who where arrested had to be taken to Shrewsbury police station but even though it took two police officers to take each of them to Shrewsbury there were still enough police to carry on policing the town.

"It was good to see Oswestry's night time economy is doing really well even though we are in a recession, and I've got full confidence in the police as they really did do a good and professional job of making our town a safe place to visit on a weekend."

"The police and door staff from the clubs worked and communicated really well with each other.

"The police made a great effort to get on with and talk to the members of the public, even to the extent of some girls on a hen night asking to have their photos taken with two police officers, who obliged, which I thought was in good spirit.

"I thought the police really did a very good job on Saturday night and should be commended for the work they did. Not only did they have to escort members of Shropshire Council's licensing committee around the public houses to carry out their work until the early hours of Sunday morning, but also police the town.

"There were an estimated 10 to 12 police officers on duty until 5am.

"The police presence was really noticeable, which I think went a long way to help prevent anti-social behaviour, but what was also good was that there were enough police to police the whole of the town and not just the town centre."

The councillor said the only downside to the night except the two arrests was the amount of litter in Willow Street from customers of the fast food outlets.

Mr Milner added: "I also would like to see the return of taxi marshals during the Christmas and New Year holidays, and so would the police and local taxi drivers, as they not only help to prevent trouble in the town centre with their presence but also get people, especially women, home safely.

"They also help taxi drivers to get people off the streets faster in the early hours of the morning by finding them a taxi.

"Even though I only had a snapshot of Oswestry's night time economy on Saturday night I found it was a relatively trouble free night and was really worthwhile doing."

Paul Milner and PC Scott Barnes at Oswestry police station.

TV star Isla on village hall bill

FORMER Saturday night TV star Isla St Clair will be performing at a village hall near Oswestry later this month.

Probably best known as Larry Grayson's co-host on BBC's *The Generation Game*, the actress and singer will be at Llanfechain Memorial Hall on September 28.

The entertainer and partner filmmaker Patrick King will present a new show called *Good Folk – Bad Folk*, reminding the audience of the "screen baddies" they remember so well.

June Row, from Llanfechain, who is helping publicise the event, said: "Unique film clips from old Westerns, gangster movies and even cartoons are interwoven with Patrick's personal and humorous insight into contemporary villainy. Isla takes you on a journey down memory lane with songs of good and bad folk of the past."

Tickets are available from Llanfechain Community Shop or by ringing (01691) 828077 or (01691) 828614. The cost for adults is £5.50 and £3 for children.

Town jobs created thanks to scheme

A BUSINESS grant scheme has created nearly a dozen jobs in the Oswestry area and more than 60 throughout Shropshire, council chiefs say.

The British Enterprise Fund has supported various businesses, with the latest to benefit being the Laurels Guest House in Oswestry.

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The Laurels Guest House was supported with a £5,000 grant through the fund.

It helped owners Howard and Kim Martin with the creation of three en-suite guest bedrooms and a loft conversion.

The business grants are funded by the European Regional Development Fund and administered by Shropshire Council.

The scheme has recently received extra funding to allow it to continue for another 12 months until December 2014.

Helen Hunter-Hayes, project officer for the Business Enterprise Fund, said: "Howard and Kim Martin were awarded this grant as part of a business diversification programme and have invested over £65,000 into this project.

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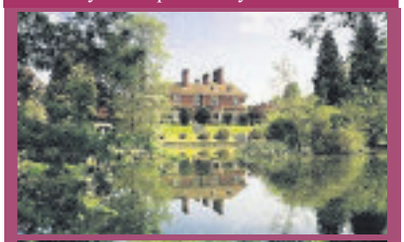

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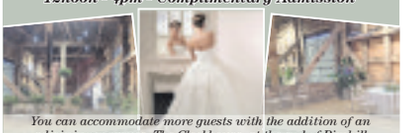

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Students serve up a fundraiser

CUPS of coffee, freshly baked cakes, new hairstyles and a relaxing Indian head massage will be on the menu for a coffee morning with a difference later this month.

Students from Walford and North Shropshire College will be taking part in the annual Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning event on September 26.

The catering and salon staff and students will be combining their skills to raise money for the charity, which provides practical, medical and financial support for all those affected by cancer.

The students will be supervised at all times by the college's fully-trained and experienced staff.

Last year the hair and beauty department raised over £240 for the charity.

To book a treatment call (01691) 688060.

New season for music enthusiasts

THE 55th season of a society of music enthusiasts has begun.

Members of Oswestry Recorded Music Society next meeting will be held tonight (Thursday), when Mike Joby will present a programme entitled "Beginnings and Endings".

For more information contact the secretary David Ward on (01691) 682485 or visit **www.oswestryrms.co.uk**

Teenager proving she has both brains and beauty

A TEENAGER from Gobowen is proving she has beauty and brains by managing a modelling career alongside working towards her goal of joining the police force..

Charmaine De La Rosa started modelling two years ago, and has now turned her hand to entering beauty pageants as well.

But the 19-year-old's attention isn't only on tiaras and ballgowns – she has also managed to fit her career around studies, making sure she is earning the qualifications which will help her get her dream job.

"I've done a hair and beauty level two course and a public services course," she said. "I want to be a police officer. I want to go into child protection. I love working with children and it would be really good to do something like that to help children.

"It's not something I'm going to try to do straightaway – I want to get more life experience first. But it's something I really want to do in a few years' time."

In the meantime, Charmaine is happy with her current career. She said: "I started modelling two years ago. I just got into it through friends, and I love it – it's any girl's dream, isn't it? My normal everyday life is doing photoshoots."

She entered her first pageant earlier this year, finishing fourth out of almost 40, and is now competing in her second event.

"I heard about pageants and my friend encouraged me to have a go. I did my first one, the Miss Intercontinental Wales 2013, and, once you do one, you keep wanting to do them over and over again."

Now she is preparing for the Miss Crown and Glory pageant, which takes place on September 22, and will join other contestants in raising funds for the Hospice of the Good Shepherd in Mold, near Wrexham.

"You have an interview with the judges and then four rounds – a jeans round, one for fashion where you can wear what you like, swimwear and eveningwear," she said. "It's like the best weekend ever."

Charmaine De La Rosa started modelling two years ago.

WOMEN OF SUBSTANCE

with Pam Griffin

MP in vow to help dementia sufferers

AN MP has vowed to do all he can to help support people with dementia.

Glyn Davies, MP for Montgomeryshire, joined 200 other MPs and representatives from Alzheimer's Society in Portcullis House, Westminster, to provide a handwritten statement of the action they will take to support people with dementia and their carers.

Mr Davies pledged to do all he can to raise awareness of dementia and support research. He said: "One in three people over 65 will develop dementia, and it is a health issue that we can no longer afford to ignore. Most of us have some family experience of this dreadful disease. I am pleased to be able to support the Dementia Friends initiative."

Woman assaulted pair after pub row

A CARE worker who rarely drinks assaulted a woman in a pub after taking ecstasy and drinking vodka, magistrates heard.

Stacey Louise Bailey, 21, of Harlech Flats, Oswestry, was given a two-year conditional discharge when she appeared before Telford magistrates.

She had admitted assaulting Lindsay Parkinson and Christine Morris in a pub in Wellington on August 24.

She was also ordered to pay £50 compensation to Ms Parkinson and £25 to Ms Morris, as well as £85 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Mrs Katie Price, prosecuting, said Bailey lashed out at Ms Parkinson between five and 10 times when she was asked to leave the pub.

After being thrown out, she later approached Ms Morris outside the pub and hit her after shouting abuse.

In interview she told police she and her sister had drunk more than a litre of vodka and taken the drug MDMA, otherwise known as ecstasy. She said she was very, very sorry because she did not normally behave like that.

Mr Oliver Nicholas, defending, said: "She is totally ashamed. She can't explain it. She knows full well she would not have done this if she hadn't gone to a party and followed what everyone else was doing."

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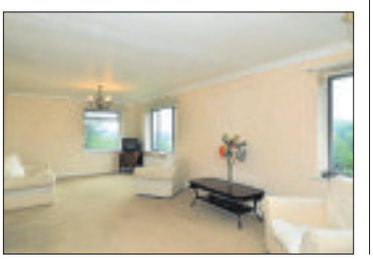
There are several outbuildings, one with power, along with a patio, lawn, vegetable garden, driveway, side garden, large garage, stable and small paddock.

The property has a guide price of £390,000. For further information contact Balfours on 01743 353511 or visit www.balfours.co.uk



Rural home has pasture land and fantastic views

Llwydcoed Fach, Llangadfan, near Welshpool, is a delightful detached bungalow style home in an elevated rural position with stunning views over surrounding countryside.

The property comes with 2.5 acres of pasture land, gardens and grounds, and is for sale through Halls at a guide price of £250,000.

Accommodation comprises an entrance hall, kitchen with a quarry tiled floor, utility, front conservatory, lounge/dining room, inner hallway, three bedrooms and a bathroom.

The land, which is fenced off, includes a field shelter and a shed, and is suitable for keeping livestock such as chickens, pigs and sheep.

For further information contact Halls on 01938 555552 or visit the website www.hallsestateagents.co.uk

Charming four-bedroom house ready for revamp

A four-bedroom dormer bungalow in need of restoration is on the market withBerrys at £295,000. Waverley at Kinnerley, near Oswestry, offers the potential for a unique family home with superb views over open countryside.

With some parquet flooring it has an entrance hall, sitting room, dining room, two grounds floor bedrooms, one ensuite, and a wet room, a rear hall, sun room, two first floor bedrooms, large garden, ample parking and electrically operated timber gates.

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Whitridge Way, Trefonen

NEW INSTRUCTION

Enjoying a pleasant position within this select development, Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to release this spacious 4 bedroom executive detached house to the market which briefly comprises: Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Study, Living Room with feature inglenook fireplace, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Utility, First Floor Gallery Landing, Master Bedroom with Dressing Area and Ensuite, Three Further Bedroom, Family Bathroom, Double Glazing, Oil Fired Central Heating, Double Width Driveway, Double Garage and Gardens. Early Viewing Recommended. EPC RATING C

Offers in Region of £285,000

Holly Grange, Rhoswiel

NEW INSTRUCTION

□□ WITH MASTER BEDROOM AND GUEST BEDROOM BOTH ENSUITE □□ Enjoying a pleasant cul-de-sac location within this select development, 4 bedroom detached family house. The property briefly comprises: Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Gallery Landing, Master Bedroom Ensuite, Guest Bedroom Two Ensuite, Two Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing, Double Width Driveway, Double Garage and Neatly Landscaped Gardens. MUST BE SEEN. EPC RATING D.

Offers in Region of £245,000

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NEW INSTRUCTION

Dove Court, Baschurch

□READY FOR OCCUPATION□ New build four bed detached family house with Gas Fired Central Heating and Double Glazing, Driveway, Single Garage and Gardens. Viewing Fully Recommended. EPC RATING B

Asking Price £249,950

NEW INSTRUCTION

Meadowbrook Court, Gobowen

2 bed retirement bungalow benefits from additional care facilities if required within this purpose built development with well tended communal gardens and private rear courtyard, driveway and garage. No Onward Chain. EPC RATING D

Offers in Region of £106,950

NEW INSTRUCTION

Abernant, Acrefair

Offering scope for improvement yet offering the opportunity of purchasing a truly spacious family home, Richmond Harvey Properties are favoured with instructions of marketing 'Cemetery House' a mature detached residence which has the benefit of being sold with No Onward Chain. EPC RATING E

Offers in Region of £179,995

NEW INSTRUCTION

Victoria Road, Oswestry

Deceptively spacious character 4 bedroom Victorian town house with separate living space, Gated Driveway, large purpose built garage with useful storage over, Garden Room, Workshop/ Store & Log Store. NO CHAIN! EPC RATING D

Offers in Region of £305,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

Balmoral Cres, Oswestry

5 bedr det family house comprises: Entrance Hall, Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Garden Room, Kitchen, Utility, Cloakroom, Study/Play Room, First Floor Landing, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Annexe Inner Hall: Bedroom 4/Sitting Room Ensuite&Kitchen which could be converted into a 5th Bedroom if required. EPC RATING D.

Offers in region of £199,950

NEW INSTRUCTION

Berwyn Avenue, Chirk Bank

Enjoying a generous plot which lends itself to extension subject to the necessary consents, 3 bedroom detached bungalow which benefits from a recently re-fitted kitchen and bathroom, gas fired central heating, double glazing, driveway and garage. NO CHAIN. EPC RATING D

Offers in Region of £189,950

NEW INSTRUCTION

Heritage Way, Llanymynech

□□WITH CONSERVATORY□□ A nicely presented and well planned modern detached family house which enjoys a pleasant cul-de-sac location within this recently constructed development.,Viewing Fully Recommended. EPC RATING D.

Offers in Region of £159,950

NEW PRICE

High Street, Weston Rhyn

□□NO CHAIN□□ 5 bed period detached village residence with 4 reception rooms lending itself to bed and breakfast/guest house potential. Generous Gardens, Two Single Garages and Driveway. Viewing Recommended. EPC RATING F

Offers in Region of £337,000

NEW PRICE

Four Crosses, Powys

5 bed detached farmhouse which benefits from traditional outbuildings to include: which both have planning permission for conversion together with a further range of outbuildings to include workshop, stabling and useful storage. Set in approx 1.8 acres. EPC RATING G

Offers in region of £620,000

NEW PRICE

Tregarthen Lane, Pant

Split level 4 bedroom detached residence which enjoys delightful views over the Shropshire plain with Oil Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Driveway providing extensive parking, Double Garage, gardens. NO CHAIN. EPC RATING D

Offers in the Region of £345,000

NEW PRICE

Victoria Road, Oswestry

Offering a wealth of character features and enjoying a much sought after location, Richmond Harvey Properties are delighted to release this most spacious period five bedroom detached family residence. EPC RATING D

Offers in Region of £350,000

Pool Quay

A rare opportunity to purchase a traditional attached former farm building with full planning permission (No M97071) for conversion into a superior 5/6 bedroom family home. Viewing recommended. NO EPC AVAILABLE

Price Guide £285,000

Treflach, Nr Oswestry

2 double bedroom detached bungalow which enjoys a pleasant edge of village location with Oil Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing where stated, Driveway, Garage. Internal Viewing Fully Recommended. EPC RATING E

Offers in Region of £219,950

Belle Vue, Morda

3 bedroom semi detached house with Gas Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Driveway and off-road parking to front and rear, garage and low maintenance gardens. Viewing fully recommended. EPC RATING C

Offers in region of £142,000

St Martins Road, Gobowen

4 bedroom detached house which enjoys a pleasant edge of village location and well planned accommodation with Generous neatly landscaped gardens with delightful views, Double Garage and Parking. MUST BE SEEN. EPC RATING C

Offers Over £300,000

Pool Quay, Welshpool

3 bed character attached barn conversion which was tastefully completed during 2003. The property offers a wealth of character features and enjoys views over the countryside. The attached barn for conversion is available to purchase,. EPC RATING D

Price Guide £270,000

Llanarmon Rd, Glyn Ceriog

A most deceptively spacious 3 double bedroom semi detached character cottage enjoying a pleasant edge of village location with generous elevated rear garden which enjoys most delightful roof top views over the village and hillside beyond. VIEWING FULLY RECOMMENDED. EPC RATING F.

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NO CHAIN
EPC RATING E
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OIRO £164,950

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2 BED MID TERRACE
NO CHAIN
KITCHEN/DINER
EPC RATING E
OIRO £117,500

West Felton Nr Oswestry **14 THE WILLOWS**
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NO CHAIN
CONSERVATORY
EPC RATING D
OIRO £139,950

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4 BED DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING D
OIRO £207,950

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3 BED DORMA BUNGALOW
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
CONSERVATORY
EPC RATING F
OIRO £214,950

Oswestry **12 BERESFORD GARDENS**
2 BED MID TERRACE PROPERTY
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EPC RATING C
OIRO £159,950

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KITCHEN/ DINER
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EPC RATING B
OIRO £174,950

NEW
Oswestry **4 NEW ROAD**
2 BED SEMI-DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
IN NEED OF MODERNISATION
EPC RATING E
OIRO £84,950

NEW PRICE
Oswestry **23 REGENT COURT**
1 BED RETIREMENT APARTMENT
COMMUNAL COURTYARD
TOWN LOCATION
EPC RATING C
Offers Over £59,950

NEW
Treflach Oswestry **WDDYN COTTAGE**
3 BED DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
EN SUITE MASTER BEDROOM
EPC RATING F
OIRO £279,950

NEW
Oswestry **39 CASTLE STREET**
2 BED MID TERRACE HOUSE
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
CELLAR
OIRO £94,000

NEW
Oswestry **12 ALBERT MEWS**
2 BED END TERRACE HOUSE
NO CHAIN
MODERN KITCHEN AND BATHROOM
EPC RATING D
OIRO £112,500

NEW PRICE
West Felton **85 APPLEWOOD HEIGHTS**
3 BED END TERRACE
PVC DOUBLE GLAZING
VILLAGE LOCATION
EPC RATING D
OIRO £127,500

NEW
Oswestry **39 LLWYN ROAD**
2 BED TERRACE HOUSE
UTILITY ROOM
DOWNSTAIRS WC
EPC RATING C
OIRO £114,950

NEW PRICE
Morda Oswestry **ERW WEN**
2 BED END TERRACE
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
PVC DOUBLE GLAZING
EPC RATING D
OIRO £94,950

NEW PRICE
Llanfyllin **RANDOM COTTAGE**
2 BED DET PROPERTY
NO CHAIN
KITCHEN/DINER
EPC RATING E
OIRO £129,950

NEW
Oswestry **4 STEWART ROAD**
3 BED TERRACE HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
NO CHAIN
EPC RATING D
OIRO £122,500

NEW
Gobowen Oswestry **AVALON**
3 BED DORMA BUNGALOW
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING F
OIRO £229,950

NEW PRICE
St Martins **ATHENA**
3 BED DETACHED BUNGALOW
3 RECEPTION ROOMS
CONSERVATORY
EPC RATING D
OIRO £209,950

NEW
Selattyn Oswestry **ROCK HOUSE**
4 BED DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
KITCHEN/ DINER
EPC RATING D
OIRO £269,950

West Felton **57 APPLEWOOD HEIGHTS**
5/6 BED DET HOUSE
3 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING D
DOWNSTAIRS SHOWER ROOM
£189,950

NEW
Llanymynech **3 ASHFIELD TERRACE**
2 BED MID TERRACE HOUSE
NO CHAIN
IN NEED OF MODERNISING
EPC RATING F
Offers over £99,995

NEW PRICE
Four Crosses **SHAFTSBURY**
4 BED DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
OIL CENTRAL HEATING
EPC RATING D
£225,000

NEW PRICE
St Martins **ALBERTA VILLAS**
2 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
KITCHEN/DINER
EPC RATING F
Offers over £100,000

NEW
Morda Oswestry **16 SWEENEY DRIVE**
4 BED DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
EPC RATING C
OIRO £199,950

NEW
St Martins Oswestry **3 SYCAMORE CLOSE**
3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
KITCHEN/ DINER
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
EPC RATING D
OIRO £126,950

Weston Rhyn Oswestry **49 LONG CROFT**
3/ 4 BED DET HOUSE
2/ 3 RECEPTION ROOMS
CONSERVATORY
EPC RATING C
OIRO £195,950

Treflach Oswestry **OFFA HOUSE**
3 BED DET BUNGALOW
KITCHEN/ DINER
UTILITY ROOM
EPC RATING E
OIRO £184,950

TO LET
Oswestry **LLANYBLODWEL**
1 BED APARTMENT
COUNCIL TAX BAND A
OIL CENTRAL HEATING
EPC RATING B
PCM £325

TO LET
Morda Oswestry **23 GREENFIELD SQUARE**
1ST FLOOR APARTMENT
2 BEDROOMS
MODERN KITCHEN
EPC RATING C
PCM £375

TO LET
Oswestry **10 THORNHURST AVENUE**
2 BED DET BUNGALOW
AVAILABLE NOW
MODERN KITCHEN
EPC RATING E
PCM £495

TO LET
Morda Oswestry **MILARS FIELD**
3 BED MEWS HOUSE
KITCHEN/ DINER
2 X PARKING SPACES
EPC RATING C
PCM £550

TO LET
Oswestry **57 MONKMOOR ROAD**
2 BED SEMI-DET BUNGALOW
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
CAR PORT
EPC RATING D
PCM £475

TO LET
Oswestry **FLAT 1 63 CHURCH STREET**
2 BED APARTMENT
TOWN LOCATION
KITCHEN/DINER
EPC RATING F
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- Period features
- Kitchen
- 4 Beds with master en-suite
- 2 Bathrooms
- Double garage
- EPC Band E

JJD602

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OSWESTRY

- Modern Detached Bungalow
- GFCH & D/G
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Two Bedrooms
- Garage And Parking
- Front And Rear Gardens
- Cul De Sac Location
- EPC Band D

JJD814

£138,950

PANT

Individually designed highly appointed three bed.detached house

- O/F C/H, D/G
- Lounge & Study
- Breakfast Kitchen & Utility
- Sun Room
- Bathroom & En-Suite
- Garage & Car Parking
- Good Sized Garden Plot
- Extensive Views
- EPC Band C

JJD782

£420,000

PANT, NR. OSWESTRY

- Oil Fired Central Heating
- Entrance Porch
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Breakfast/Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Enclosed Front Garden
- Parking for 4/5 cars
- Workshop
- Includes B/Plot with Full P/P for Dwelling
- EPC Band F

JJD807

£350,000

LLYNCLYS, NR. OSWESTRY

- UPVC D/G Electric Heating
- Two Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Three Double Beds
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- EPC Band E

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- Bathroom
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- Attractive Garden And Small Paddock
- EPC Band E

JJD749

£274,500

OSWESTRY

- UPVCD/G GFCH
- Cloakroom
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Kitchen & Utility
- 5 Beds 2 En-suite
- 2 Bathrooms
- Detached Double Garage
- Corner Plot
- EPC Band C

JJD828

£325,000

OSWESTRY

- Prime Town Centre Shop Unit
- 16' Overall Frontage
- Sales Area and Rear Store Room
- Extensive Living Accommodation
- Potential for Development

JJD717

£260,000

CHIRK BANK - TO LET

- Side Entrance Conservatory
- Sitting Room
- Dining Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage /Parking
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Employment References Required
- EPC rating

JJD069

£520

HENGOED - TO LET

- Oil Fired C/H
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen & Utility
- Four Bedrooms
- New Bathroom
- Conservatory
- Garaging
- Splendid Gardens
- EPC rating - F

JJD072

£800

GOBOWEN

- Semi Detached House
- Partial GFCH/DG
- Sitting Room
- Dining Kitchen
- Separate Toilet
- Three Bedrooms
- Parking for 2 Vehicles
- Garden
- Available from 26 Sept.

EPC Band -

JJD067

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NEW - NO CHAIN

Upper Lord Street, Oswestry — £82,000

- Well maintained 2 Bedroom End-Terrace Property in a quiet residential location
- Lounge opening into Dining Room, fully fitted Kitchen
- Ground Floor Shower Room and 2 First Floor Bedrooms
- Rear yard and pedestrian access leading to the front of the property
- uPVC Double glazed windows & Gas central heating. EPC Rating E

NEW - NO CHAIN

Albert Road, Oswestry — £97,000

- A deceptively spacious two bedroom Mid-Terrace property situated within walking distance of the town centre of Oswestry
- An open plan Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, two Double Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Courtyard garden providing an ideal outdoor entertainment area together with a large storage shed
- Gas C/H and double glazing throughout. EPC Rating D

FOR SALE BY INFORMAL TENDER

Queens Head, Oswestry — £65,000

- FOR SALE BY INFORMAL TENDER WITH WRITTEN BIDS TO BE SUBMITTED BY 12 NOON ON FRIDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2013.
- A rare opportunity to purchase a block of grassland extending to 8.6 acres (3.48 ha) or thereabouts conveniently located next to the A5 Trunk road at Queens Head just outside the market town of Oswestry.
- The land also lies adjacent to the Shropshire Union Canal and benefits from a stable block and mains water. The land is currently laid to pasture but offers a host of future agricultural, equine or recreational opportunities

The Meads, Weston Rhyn — £119,995

- A well presented 3 Bedroom Mid-Terrace Property situated within an established residential area
- Well maintained by the current owners, fully fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Rm with Appliances
- Spacious Lounge, 3 Bedrooms and a recently fitted Shower Room
- Good size garden , driveway providing off-road parking
- uPVC double glazing & Gas fired central heating. EPC Rating D

NEW

Penycae Avenue, Gobowen — £147,995

- A spacious 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached Property situated in an elevated position on the outskirts of Gobowen.
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Large Fully Fitted Kitchen opening into Dining Room with separate doors leading into Conservatory
- Utility and Cloakroom. 3 Bedrooms and a recently fitted Bathroom
- Large corner plot providing space for an extension to the property
- Single detached garage and tarmac driveway, uPVC D/G and Gas C/H. EPC Rating C

NEW - NO CHAIN

Ifton Fields, St. Martins — £124,995

- A well appointed and deceptively spacious Semi-Detached Property
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Cloakroom, Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- uPVC double glazing and gas central heating. EPC Rating D
- Private rear garden together with a large side garden
- Which could accommodate an extension to the property (subject to planning permission).

NEW -NO CHAIN

Lloyd Street, Oswestry — £154,950

- A spacious 3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow set in large gardens within walking distance of the town
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Shower Room
- Basement Integral Garage and 2 additional Store Rooms which could be utilised for a host of future uses
- Large gardens to the front and rear, double glazing, Gas C/H and cavity wall insulation throughout. EPC Rating

GUIDE PRICE - £4000 PER ACRE

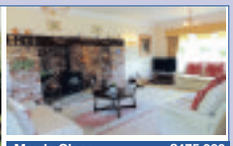
LAND AT LLANSANTFFRAID — £4,000

- 48.88 acres (19.70 ha) or thereabouts of pastureland and woodland situated just outside the village of Llansantffraid
- Located next to the Rivers Vyrnwy and Tanat
- Good access onto the A495
- Offers a host of future Agricultural, Equine or Recreational opportunites
- FOR SALE BY INFORMAL TENDER AS A WHOLE OR IN LOTS. TENDERS TO BE SUBMITTED BY 12 NOON ON FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2013

NEW - NO CHAIN

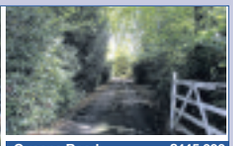
Victoria Street, Oswestry — £134,950

- A deceptively spacious 2 Bedroom End-Terrace Property situated in an established residential area within walking distance of the town centre.
- The property has recently been renovated to the highest of standards but has retained a host of original features
- Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen with Integrated Appliances, 2 spacious Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Low maintenance garden to rear and pedestrian side access to the front
- uPVC double glazing and Gas central heating. EPC Rating E



Morda Close, Oswestry — £475,000

- An Executive Family Home situated on the exclusive Morda Close development on the outskirts of the town of Oswestry
- Entrance Hall with Lounge, Dining Room and a large Kitchen/Breakfast Room with adjoining Utility Room and Cloakroom
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite & Guest Bedroom with En-Suite. The remaining 2 Bedrooms & Study are served by a large Family Bathroom
- Large private landscaped gardens. Ample parking and Double Garage block with room above which could be utilized for a number of uses. EPC Rating C



NO CHAIN

Queens Road, Oswestry — £445,000

- A rare opportunity to purchase a fine Detached Late Victorian House offering well proportioned accommodation, set in mature gardens and grounds.
- Drawing Room, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Garden Room, Conservatory, Open plan Kitchen and Breakfast Room, Utility Room, Cloakroom
- Separate WC, 5 Bedrooms, En-suite to Master Bedroom and Dressing Room to Bedroom 3 and Cellar. Gas C/H. EPC Rating F

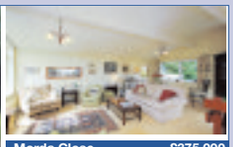
Arddleen, Nr Welshpool — £299,995

- A most comfortably appointed and spacious Modern Detached Residence only twelve years old, built to very high standards
- Storm Porch, Reception Hall, Cloaks, Study. Spacious Lounge, Sitting Rm, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Master Bedroom & Guest Bedroom (both en-suite), 2 Further Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom
- LPG Gas C/H, high security D/G, intruder alarm, dble garage & ample parking on driveway. EPC Rating D

NO CHAIN

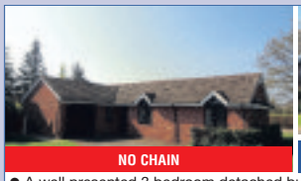
Llanforda Rise, Oswestry — £229,950

- A most spacious and comfortably appointed Detached Dormer Bungalow situated within a premier residential area within the town and convenient to all facilities
- Ent Porch, Wide Entrance Hall, Large Sitting Rm, Kitchen/Breakfast Rm, 2 Ground Floor Bedrooms or one bedroom and a Dining rm
- Box Room, 2 Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom & Separate WC
- Delightful lawned gardens to fore & rear, parking for several vehicles together with a garage. D/G, Oil C/H. EPC Rating E



Morda Close, Oswestry — £375,000

- Spacious family home in the established residential area of Morda Close
- Dining Room is adjoined by Kitchen, Pantry, Utility & Shower Rm
- Rear Ent Hall, Garden Room, 3 Double Bedrooms & Family Bathroom
- Spacious Lounge with large windows overlooking the gardens, covered balcony
- An 'L' shaped rm currently used as a Study/Bedrm with storage space
- Landscaped gardens with mature shrubs & trees providing privacy
- Gas C/H, EPC Rating D



NO CHAIN

Rhewl Lane, Gobowen — £215,000

- A well presented 3 bedroom detached bungalow within a quiet cul-de-sac
- Ent hall, Living/Dining Rm, Dining Area, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom & integral garage
- Well maintained gardens to the front and rear of the property
- Gas C/H and timber framed leaded D/G. EPC Rating E

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Rhydyfelin, Llangynog, Nr Oswestry

NEW

- Detached 3 bedroom former farmhouse
- Range of stone outbuildings
- Separate grazing paddock approx 1.5 acres
- Head of valley location, 1 1/2 miles from village
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 15

Oswestry Office 01691 679595 **£290,000**

NEW PRICE

28 Hampton Road, Oswestry
£359,950

- Spacious Detached 5 Bed Edwardian Town House
- In an elevated location overlooking the town
- 3 Receptions, kitchen/breakfast, study, cloaks
- Master en-suite shower, and family bathroom
- Double glazing and gas fired central heating
- Detached garages and office over. No Chain
- Energy efficiency rating = 43

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31 Maple Avenue, Oswestry
£72,500

- First floor leasehold flat
- Lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom
- Bedroom and cot room/study
- Gas central heating, double glazing
- External stores and garden area
- Edge of town residential estate
- Energy efficiency rating = 64

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BY TENDER

Land at the rear of Hart & Trumpet Gobowen. Guide Price £200,000
By Informal Tender - (12:00noon - 27th September 2013)

- Outline Planning Reference 13/00304/OUT
- Approval for 8 Dwellings. A pair of terraces comprising 4 dwellings
- Dwellings affording 3 bedrooms over 100 m2. Central village location
- Amenities readily available (subject to approval)
- Parking and garage provision

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Plaza Grande, Brightwater Lake, Pentrebeirdd
£48,000

- Fully Furnished Two Bedroomed Chalet
- Situated on a popular Park
- Kitchen with built-in appliances
- En-suite Bathroom. Gas Heating. D/G
- Sitting Room opens onto decking
- 11 Months Occupancy

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10 Kerrison Drive, Welshpool

NEW

- Semi-Detached Two Bedroom House
- Sitting/Dining Room, Kitchen. Bathroom
- Gas Fired Heating. UPVC double glazed
- Off road parking, Front lawn. Garden
- First Time Buyer/ Investment Opportunity
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 61

£99,950

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NEW

5 Llwyn Perthi, Arddleen
£149,950

- Modern Detached 3 Bedroom Family House
- Sitting Room, Kitchen/Dining Room
- Double Glazed. Oil Fired Heating
- Attached Garage. Gardens
- Cul-de-sac on village outskirts
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 60

Welshpool Office 01938 554818

5 Rodney Crescent, Crewe Green

NEW

- Spacious Semi-Detached House
- Sitting Room, Kitchen/Dining, Utility
- Three Bedrooms (1 En-suite), Bathroom
- Oil Fired Heating. Double Glazed
- Two Parking Spaces. Enc Rear Garden
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 78

£159,950

Welshpool Office 01938 554818

38 Albert Road, Oswestry
£90,000

- Mid terrace 2 bedroom town house
- 2 Receptions, kitchen, bathroom
- Private rear garden, outside W.C.
- Well located for the town centre facilities
- Available with no onward chain
- Energy efficiency rating = 44

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Weston House, Llanfair Caereinion,
£199,950

- Spacious Semi-Det 4 Bedroom Town House
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room inc appliances
- Sitting Rm with wood burner
- Lounge with open fireplace
- Bathroom, Shower Room & En-Suite
- Oil Central Heating. D/Glazed
- Enclosed garden including decking
- Energy Efficiency Rating =TBC

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20 Cae Dafydd, Meifod
£200,000

- Detached Modern Bungalow
- 2 Receptions, Conservatory. Kitchen
- 2 Double bedrooms, 1 En-Suite, Bathroom
- Oil Fired underfloor heating. Double Glazed
- Attached Garage, Manageable Garden
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 64

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NEW

Tanydderwen, High Street, Llanfyllin
£165,000

- Detached Town Bungalow
- Sitting & Dining Rooms, Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms, Shower Room. Study/Office
- Loft Bedroom. Gas Heating. Double Glazed
- Garden to front. Detached Garage
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 40

Welshpool Office 01938 554818

3 Maes Y Celyn, Guilsfield
£220,000

- Modern Village Bungalow on Corner Plot
- Sitting Room. Mod Kitchen with b/i appliances
- Conservatory, New Second Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms, Shower Rm. Gas C/H. D/Glazed
- Storage area (formerly garage). Gardens
- Energy Efficiency rating = 59.

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NEW

15 Oldcastle Avenue, Guilsfield
£209,950

- Modern Detached Village Bungalow
- Sitting Room. Kitchen with built-in oven & hob
- Three Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Gas Fired Heating, Double Glazed
- Double Garage. Gardens
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 70

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23 Brynfa Avenue, Welshpool
£229,950

- Detached Modern 4 Bedroom House
- Two Receptions, Conservatory. Kitchen Utility, Sep W.C
- Main Bedroom with b/i wardrobes & En-suite. Bathroom
- Gas Fired Heating. UPVC Double Glazed
- Ample parking. Garage, Car Port.
- Easy maintenance garden
- Exceptional views to the rear over the town
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 62

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Derwen Fach, Trefnanney
£250,000

- Detached 3 Bedroom Country Bungalow, with views
- Sitting Room with wood burner. Dining Room
- Separate W.C. Kitchen with built-in appliances
- En-Suite. Bathroom. UPVC D/glazing. Oil fired heating
- Spacious garden. Det Garage, lean-to Garden Shed
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 62

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10 Brydges Gate, Llandrinio
£360,000

- Spacious Modern Detached House
- Sitting Room, Dining Hall, Snug, Conservatory
- Kitchen/Breakfast with appliances. Utility. W.C
- 5 Bedrooms, 2 En-suites, Bathroom
- Oil Central Heating. Double Glazing
- Double Garage. Gardens
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 67

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Bedwgwynion, Llangadfan
£399,950

- Residential Smallholding extending to 7 Acres
- Extended and Spacious Accommodation
- Sitting Room with wood burner
- Kitchen/Dining Area. Study, Utility
- 4 Bedrooms (1 En-suite), Shower Room
- Double Garage with living space
- Oil Fired Heating. D/Glazed
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 62

Welshpool Office 01938 554818

NEW

Llys-Helig, Llanerfyl
£225,000

- Detached Country Bungalow
- Sitting Room, Dining Area
- Kitchen. Snug, Utility W.C
- 4 Bedrooms, Fam Bathroom
- Oil Fired Heating. Double Glazed
- Parking, Terraced Gardens. Rural views
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 54

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- Two Bedrooms
- Garden to the Rear
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- No Smokers. EPC E

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- End Terrace Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Brick Outhouses
- EPC Rating G
- Close To Town Centre
- In Need of Modernisation

£85,000

HIGH STREET, GLYN CEIRIOG

- Semi-Detached Property
- One Bedroom
- Two Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking
- Patio Area to Rear
- EPC Rating D
- Viewing Recommended

Offers in the region of £105,000

OSWESTRY

- Semi-Detached Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Planning Permission to Extend
- Rear Gardens
- Viewing Recommended
- UPVC D. G. EPC C

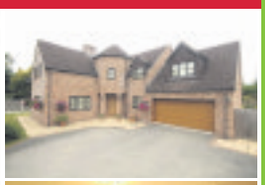
£119,950

OSWESTRY

- Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Upvc Double Glazing
- EPC Rating D
- Front and Rear Gardens

£120,000

TREFLACH, OSWESTRY



- OFFERED WITH NO CHAIN
- Luxury Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Four Reception Rooms
- Landscaped Gardens
- Double Garage
- Village Location. EPC C
- Beautifully Presented

£399,950

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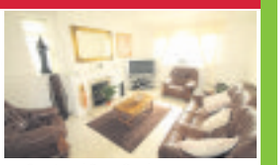

- Semi-Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Gas Central Heating

£124,950

OSWESTRY

- Semi-Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Gas Central Heating
- Off Road Parking. EPC D

£127,000

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- Modern Semi-detached Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Conservatory. EPC C
- Gas Central Heating
- Gardens Front & Rear
- Ideal First Time Buy

£129,950

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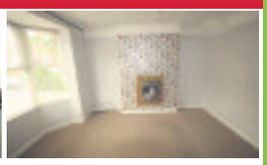


- NO CHAIN!!!
- Semi-Detached House
- Close to Town Centre
- Off Road Parking
- Gas Central Heating
- Well Maintained. EPC D

£130,000

PENTRE, CHIRK

- Mid Terraced Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Front and Rear Gardens

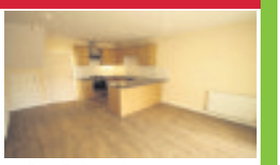
£139,950

LLANYMYNECH

- NO CHAIN
- End Terrace Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking

£144,950

OSWESTRY



- Modern End Mews
- Upgraded Interior
- Three Bedrooms (one ensuite)
- Close To Town Centre
- Nhbc Certificate
- NO CHAIN. EPC B

£149,950

GOBOWEN

- Modern End Mews House
- Three Double Bedrooms
- En Suite Facilities
- Off Road Parking. EP C C
- Spacious Accommodation
- Upvc Double Glazing

Offers over £150,000

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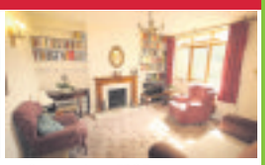

- To Be Sold at Auction
- 24th October 2013
- Detached Property
- Conservatory. EPC F
- 2/3rds Acre
- In Need of Modernisation

Guide price £190,000

RHOS-Y-BRITHDIR

- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms and Study
- Three Reception Rooms
- Garage
- Extensive Gardens
- Rural Location With Countryside

£355,000

ST MARTINS

- Large Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Large Conservatory
- Integral Garage

£229,995

OSWESTRY

- NO CHAIN
- Four Bedrooms
- Detached House
- Modern Interior. EPC D

Stamp duty paid £275,000

DOLYWERN

- Large Dormer Bungalow
- Sought After Location
- NO CHAIN. EPC D
- Four/five Bedrooms

£279,950

OSWESTRY

- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Solar Panels
- Swimming Pool

£285,000

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- Detached Stone Cottage
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Extensive Landscaped Gardens. EPC F

£290,000

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- Fantastic Opportunity

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The Slades, West Felton

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- 4 Bedrooms To Main House With 2 En-Suites & Dressing Rooms
- 3 Bedroom Annex
- Country Lane Position
- Range Of Outbuildings
- Set In Excess Of 9 Acres
- Current EPC Rating D

Price: Offers over £825,000

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Plas Nant-Y-Meichiaid, Llanfyllin

An excellent example of a fine Tudor/Elizabethan family home, quaint, romantic and full of historical character. This property is secluded but not isolated and benefits from a lovely open aspect across open farmland and The Brogan Valley

- 4 Double Bedrooms
- 3 Reception Rooms
- 3 Detached Barns (One With Planning Permission)
- Stable Block & Approx 6 Acres
- Picturesque Location
- Current EPC Rating G

Price: £585,000

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Maes Uchaf, Pen Y Foel, Llanymynech

An exciting opportunity to purchase an enchanting property situated on an elevated position with superb views to the Tanat Valley and the Berwyn Mountains.

- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Gardens Extending To 1 Acre
- Carport & Parking
- Backs Onto Woodland
- Dual Aspect Lounge & Conservatory
- Current EPC Rating F

Price: £179,950

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A three storey family home in need of some modernisation situated in a pleasant village location adjacent to the River Ceiriog.

- 5 Bedrooms
- 4 Reception Rooms
- 2 Kitchens
- 2 Bathrooms
- Gardens & Parking
- Current EPC Rating F

Ceiriog Villa, Glyn Ceiriog

Price: £160,000

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This immaculate semi detached two bedroom property is an ideal investment opportunity or first time purchase.

- 2 Bedroom
- Off Road Parking For 2 Cars
- UPVC DG
- Gas CH
- Landscaped Gardens
- Current EPC Rating D

Balmoral Crescent, Oswestry

Price: £119,950

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A four double bedroom detached character property situated in a delightful country location.

- Elegant Reception Hall, Sitting Room
- Dining Room, Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Rm
- Shower Room, Cellar, Four Beds, Bathroom
- Double Garage & Parking
- Gardens To Front, Side & Rear
- Current EPC Rating E

The Old Quinta Manse, Bronygarth

Price: £350,000

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This delightful detached 1960's spacious bungalow is situated in an pleasant elevated location with views of the open countryside.

- 3 Double Bedrooms
- Popular Hamlet Location
- Garage & Ample Parking
- Gardens & 2 Ponds
- Current EPC Rating D

Derwen Deg, Chirk Bank

Price: £249,950

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This three bedroom cottage is deceptively spacious and has been updated to a high standard by the current owners.

- 3 Bedroom
- Oil CH & UPVC DG
- Close To Canal & Countryside Walks
- Gardens & Ample Parking
- Close To A483 & A5
- Current EPC Rating D

Sunnyside, Chirk

Price: £159,950

Contact Oswestry

This detached cottage sits centrally within this popular hamlet, ideal for those with outdoor interests such as walking and cycling.

- 2 Double Bedrooms
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Oil Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Garage & Parking
- Current EPC Rating F

Ty Canol, Tregeriog

Price: £175,000

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3 Plots, Llys Hill, Middleton Road, Oswestry

Price: £270,000

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This detached country style cottage dates back to the 1800's and benefits from panoramic views across the Shropshire and Cheshire Plains

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- Generous Sized Cottage Gardens
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- Double Garage & Parking
- Viewing Advised
- Current EPC Rating D

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Price: £325,000

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Plas Bostock Barns, Holt

Price: £199,950

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A fine example of a traditional Georgian farmhouse set in splendid countryside in grounds of ten acres with outbuildings.

- 18th Century Grade II Listed Farmhouse
- 4 Reception Rooms
- 5 Bedrooms
- Paddock & Gardens To 10 Acres
- Two Store Rooms
- Current EPC Rating G

Plas Bostock Farm, Holt

Price: £650,000

Contact Oswestry

A well presented four bedroom detached family home offering well proportioned living accommodation situated in a convenient location within easy level walking distance of the town centre.

- 4 Bedroom (Master & En-Suite)
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Gardens & Parking
- Current EPC Rating D

Southgate Close, Oswestry

Price: £212,000

Contact Oswestry

An individual detached family home with open views to the River Cain and the hills in the distance, warmed by oil fired central heating.

- 4 Bedroom (2 With En-Suites)
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Double Garage & Ample Parking
- In A Quiet Country Location
- Current EPC Rating E

Derwlwyn Lane, Llanfyllin

Price: £295,000

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Pretty bungalow on generous plot

Penmon at Tregarthen Lane, Pant is a smartly presented three-bedroom detached bungalow on a good-sized plot with lovely gardens to the front, side and rear. On the market at a guide price of £215,000, it has an entrance hall, a lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory, three bedrooms, a bathroom and double glazing. For more details call Town & Country on 01691 679631 or visit www.townandcountryoswestry.com

Hard-working Andrew gains national award

Morris Marshall and Poole's Newtown lettings manager, Andrew Jones, has successfully gained a nationally-recognised award in residential letting and property management.

Andrew, who was appointed in May 2012, passed his National Federation of Property Professionals (NFoPP) Level 3 Technical Award which gains him membership of the Association of Residential Letting Agents (ARLA) – the only professional, self-regulating body specialising in raising and maintaining practice standards in the UK private rental sector.

Brought up and educated in Newtown, Andrew embarked on a 22-year military service career with the RAF. Before joining MMP he was a development co-ordinator for Mid Wales Housing Association.

Andrew said: "I am thrilled to gain the award. It is evidence of our professionalism as an agency, and shows our clients that they are dealing with someone who is knowledgeable and who they can trust.

"I thoroughly enjoy my role at MMP where no two days are the same, and look forward to further professional development within the private rental sector."

Andrew Jones, lettings manager at MMP's Newtown office.

MMP Partner Andrew Turner said: "We could not be more proud of Andrew's achievement.

"We strongly believe Newtown landlords and tenants will vote with their feet in support of an agency that is staffed by hard-working property professionals of intelligence and integrity, like Andrew."

Morris Marshall and Poole is among the steadily growing number of agents across the UK who are working with ARLA and the NFoPP awarding body to become qualified and raise standards within their field.

Ian Potter, ARLA managing director, added: "In an industry where standards can vary greatly between member and non-member agents and agencies, obtaining this award represents not only Andrew's dedication to developing as an agent but also his commitment to working to the high industry standards which ARLA seeks to promote."

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Property

Thriving firm expands as new member joins team

Opened only six months ago, the new Principality Building Society in Oswestry has been consistently the top performing UK agency, according to owner Kate Howell.

In fact the Oswestry agency is now a flagship model of the Principality nationwide.

The Principality was Kate's brainchild and is owned by her along with husband, local businessman Warren Howell.

To celebrate the success of both the agency and neighbouring Woodhead Estates, due to the signs of an improvement in the housing market in recent weeks, Kate has further expanded the team and welcomed well-known face in the town, Daniel Graham. Daniel, a local manager brought into the business for his professional and business expertise, has a wealth of local knowledge, said Kate.

She added: "We are delighted to welcome Daniel to the team. To expand the team further was not only because of the phenomenal success of the Principality, but also as a result of the recent upturn in property sales.

"Daniel has recently completed his training at the Principality, completing courses held at their Cardiff head office.

"Daniel has also undertaken full training both for Rightmove and the Guild of Professional Estate Agents.

"As one of Oswestry's established estate agencies, the team are working towards their 10 year anniversary. To celebrate this we are proud in recent months to be associated with Hope House Children's Hospice, having donated the first life-saving heart defibrillator through the *Oswestry and Border Chronicle* 'Keeping Oswestry Alive' campaign and going forward will be joining the charity, Marie Curie."

Sara Date, sales manager, welcomes Daniel Graham, sales negotiator, to the team in Oswestry.

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CRAIGNANT WOOD

It is rare that a fair sized woodland is offered for sale in the North Shropshire/Welsh Marches area, but this is being corrected with the sale of Craignant Woodland close to Oswestry. With a total area of 57.7 acres (23.3 hectares), the woodland has good access and a central stoned track. It was bought by the present owner as a semi-derelict plantation from the Forestry Commission and replanted twelve years ago.

The property lies on either side of the upper reaches of the Morlas Brook at Craignant, and grows over twenty species of tree. The new planting was for commercial conifers and occupies about half the area, mostly Sitka spruce and Douglas fir. These have established well and have been fully maintained by the present owner. The wood includes mature poplars and Scots pine, with the other half full of broadleaf trees such as oak, sweet chestnut and rowan, the latter with a spectacular berry crop for the wild life.

A new owner should find enough firewood each year to supply a wood burner. In previous years the land has been let for a small family shoot and last year it was used for a day for an antique motor cycle rally!

Apart from the stream this is a great property for conservation and amenity interest. The Spring sees a carpet of bluebells. Nesting birds recorded are green woodpeckers, dippers and ravens in the old Scots pine trees, and the wood boasts resident woodcock. The sale includes a small foresters hut, with comfortable arm chair!

Asking price; £160,000

Mike Tustin of John Clegg & Co commented: "The woodland market for amenity/conservation woods in England or larger commercial plantations throughout the UK has strengthened considerably in the past two years in strong contrast to other sectors of the property market. Craignant Wood offers a good opportunity to acquire a woodland, whether for amenity, conservation, wildlife interest, timber interest or other reasons.

John Clegg & Co, with offices in England, Wales and Scotland, have specialised in the forestry market for over 45 years and sells over 100 woodlands a year.

Parry Lowarch residential

Rhosweil, Oswestry

An attractive Grade II Listed family residence dating back to 1620 having been renovated, set within beautiful gardens and grounds. Hall, farmhouse style kitchen, utility room/back kitchen, boot room/tack room, dining room, drawing room, study, cellar, Jacobean oak staircase, six bedrooms, family bathroom, shower room. Enclosed stable yard with tack room, two loose boxes and adjacent feed store, large parking area, coach house with garaging and large studio above, two bay dutch barn, two paddocks. EPC Band: G. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £630,000 2910

Leighton, Nr Welshpool

A substantial, superior detached house situated in the highly sought after village of Leighton which lies at the foot of Long Mountain. Situated on the edge of a small select development it offers very spacious luxury accommodation; hall, cloaks, drawing room, dining room, large kitchen breakfast room/ family room, conservatory, utility room, gallery landing, master bedroom suite with en-suite shower room & dressing room, second bedroom with en-suite shower room, three further double bedrooms, family bathroom. Attached double garage, carport, workshop/shed. Gardens enjoy views over surrounding countryside. EPC Band: D

Guide Price: £495,000 3529

Llanyblodwel, Oswestry

A detached Grade II Listed country property, which has been renovated over recent years retaining the character and features of the original building. Entrance hall with cloaks lobby, sitting room having the original stone fire surround, dining room, living room, kitchen, utility room, galleried landing, master bedroom, guest bathroom, second floor spacious bedroom/games/office area. Outside there is an independent office/ library. Gardens to the front and rear, ample parking, garage. EPC Band: G. For further information contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £450,000 2858

Llansantffraid

A detached property which has been totally re-designed and refurbished to make a spacious family home or as a small luxury B&B which it is currently being utilised for. Reception hall, feature central hallway, sitting room, conservatory, large dining room, study suite, small gym, kitchen/breakfast room, family room, laundry room, downstairs bedroom with en-suite shower room, mezzanine landing/sitting area, three double bedrooms with en-suite bathroom/shower rooms. PVC DG, propane gas CH, triple carport, easily maintained gardens, ample parking. EPC Band: D

Guide Price: £425,000 2991

Babbinswood, Nr Ellesmere

An attractive farmhouse of great charm and character in need of some modernisation with great potential to form a first class family property, standing in good sized gardens with two paddocks adjacent to the garden, in all extending to approximately three acres. Hall, dining room, sitting room, farmhouse style kitchen, back kitchen/utility room, cloakroom, workshop/playroom, master bedroom, dressing room, en-suite, bedroom 2, bedroom 3, bathroom, attic room 1/bedroom 4, attic room 2/bedroom 5. EPC Band: G

Guide Price: £395,000

Llangedwyn, Powys

An appealing detached stone country property in a magnificent rural location close to the Estate village of Llangedwyn. The property sits in approximately 1.12 acres (0.45 ha) of grounds which includes a small arboretum, lawns to the side and rear of the property, impressive courtyard with feature stone walls, arch and well. Hall, dining room, kitchen, snug, utility, drawing room, sun room, boot room/ gun room, bathroom/cloakroom, three bedroom, bedroom 4/study, en-suite bathroom, gallery, garage/store. EPC Band: F. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £385,000

Maesbrook, Oswestry

A delightful period property set in 1.75 acres of gardens, established vegetable plots and paddocks. Originally a small detached period cottage, having been considerably extended to provide an extremely spacious family home. It occupies a delightful rural position adjoining open countryside in a quiet location about three quarters of a mile down a country lane yet easily accessible to the main road within a few minutes. Entrance porch, hall, main reception hall, family room/study, sitting room, very large kitchen/ dining room, utility room, ground floor shower room, four bedrooms plus an office/fifth bedroom and good size family bathroom. Ample brick and timber store sheds, Dutch barn and garage. EPC Band: F

Guide Price: £379,950 3545

Maesbrook, Oswestry

A delightful character country property dating back to early 1800's renovated to a very high standard, situated in a secluded location with views to the Vyrnwy and Morda Brook. Set in a secluded rural location, the property enjoys considerable seclusion and privacy. Breakfast kitchen, pantry, utility room, conservatory, living room, study, dining room, four double bedrooms, family bathroom. Garden extends to approx 1/3 of an acre, ample parking space, double garage with loft space and engine pit. EPC Band: D. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £365,000 3547

Belan Fields, Guilsfield

An attractive, extremely spacious, impressive modern detached family house which has been considerably improved by the present owners. Gas CH, DG, first floor balcony taking advantage of the magnificent southerly views, double garage, good sized well screened gardens. Impressive reception hall, WC, large through living room, dining room, study, kitchen, breakfast room, utility room, master bedroom suite with large en-suite and very large dressing room, three further bedrooms, beautifully fitted bathroom. Occupying a delightful end of cul-de-sac position in this popular residential village with a full range of local amenities. EPC Band: D

Guide Price: £330,000 3585

Llangedwyn, Oswestry

The Green Inn is situated on the B4396 road which runs between Oswestry and Bala in the Tanat Valley renowned for its natural beauty. The Tanat Valley is on the Wales/England border and the Berwyn mountain range is within easy travelling distance. It is ideally located for local trade and tourist traffic also to the area, and provides licensed accommodation on the ground and first floor, along with private living accommodation. EPC Band: F. Contact Agents on 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £325,000

Crickheath, Oswestry

A charming detached property, built at the same time as the Montgomery Canal, with spacious well maintained accommodation offering original cottage features. It occupies tranquil location and rural aspect make this an ideal rural retreat. There is a useful garden store, garage and greenhouses, together with a summerhouse, the garden is mainly laid to lawn intersected with mature shrubs and trees. hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen/ breakfast room, utility, three bedrooms, en-suite shower room, family bathroom. EPC Band: F. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £275,000

Maes Chwarae, Churchstoke

A deceptively spacious detached bungalow, offering well laid out accommodation comprising; entrance hall, large inner reception hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, utility room, three double bedrooms, en-suite dressing area and en-suite shower room. Oil CH, wood framed DG, detached double garage, well stocked gardens enjoying elevated views over the village and surrounding hills and countryside. Churchstoke has extremely good local amenities and the market towns of Shrewsbury, Craven Arm and Welshpool and all within a short drive. EPC Band: D

Guide Price: £237,500 3591

Laburnum Meadows, Four Crosses

A spacious detached house originally designed as a four bedroom house but now laid out as a three bedroom, offering good sized accommodation, comprising; entrance hall, downstairs cloakroom, sitting room, dining room, conservatory, large family room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility area, three double bedrooms, en-suite, family bathroom. Wood framed DG, oil CH, good sized single detached garage, the gardens are of particular note being of larger than average size, offering a good degree of privacy and good size sun patios. EPC Band: D

Guide Price: £215,000 3589

Arddleen, Llanymynech

A spacious semi-detached cottage, situated in a small hamlet on the edge of Arddleen village, located approximately halfway between Oswestry and Welshpool on the A483. Hall, kitchen/dining room, lounge, utility, two double bedrooms with adjoining Jack & Jill WC, family bathroom. Set in Mid Wales countryside with beautiful views, the village has a range of local amenities, with further shopping facilities in the nearby villages of Llandrinio and Four Crosses. EPC Band: E

Guide Price: £172,500 3586

Four Crosses, Llanymynech

A large detached modern property, set in easily maintained gardens, offering spacious accommodation comprising; large through entrance hall, sitting room, large conservatory, dining room, eat in kitchen, utility room, downstairs WC, three double bedrooms, en-suite bathroom and family bathroom with separate shower. Oil CH, open fronted carport and easily positioned for local amenities and the towns of Shrewsbury, Oswestry and Welshpool. EPC Band: E

Guide Price: £169,050 2768

Brooklyn Road, Pant

An attractive, deceptively spacious, semi-detached bungalow having oil fired CH, DG, large garage and delightful gardens to front and rear. It occupies a very pleasant and convenient cul-de-sac position close to the centre of Pant, within walking distance of a range of local amenities and being about 15 miles from Shrewsbury, and 6 miles from Oswestry. Porch, hall, living room, dining room/bedroom 2, two further bedrooms, conservatory and newly fitted bathroom. EPC Band: D

Guide Price: £169,000 3131

Lilac Grove, Oswestry

A well appointed and hugely extended, end of terrace house, uPVC DG, gas CH, and very large rear garden. It occupies a pleasant and very convenient position within short distance local amenities. The accommodation must be viewed to appreciate the size of this property; hall, large through living room, separate snug/family room, large L-shaped kitchen/ dining room, three double bedrooms, en-suite shower room, family bathroom, separate WC. EPC Band: D

Guide Price: £139,999 2941

Roundwood Close, Oswestry

A spacious extended semi-detached property offering affordable four bedroom accommodation, with gas CH wood framed DG, and ample private off street parking. Entrance hall, sitting room/dining room, kitchen, good size utility room, timber and brick constructed conservatory, landing, four bedrooms, family bathroom. It occupies a quiet end of cul-de-sac position with enclosed gardens to the rear with small greenhouse. EPC Band: D

Guide Price: £139,500 2985

Stone House Court, Forden

A modern, three bedroom mid terrace house having uPVC sealed unit DG, Economy7 electric heating, ample communal parking and gardens to the front and rear. The property occupies a pleasant and very convenient position in this popular village with a range of local amenities, approx four miles from Welshpool. Hall, large living room, kitchen/dining room, and on the first floor, landing, three bedrooms and bathroom. EPC Band: D

Guide Price: £132,000 2875

Refail, Berriew

Two newly constructed cottage style properties situated on the outskirts of the highly desirable village of Berriew. Sitting room, kitchen, downstairs cloakroom, two bedrooms and shower room. Gas CH, PVC DG, off-street parking for two cars, landscaped gardens to the rear including timber and felt garden store. The properties have been built to a very high standard and the price includes floor coverings throughout. The properties will be of particular interest to first time buyers, investment buyers, downsizers or those looking for holiday homes. EPC Band: B

Guide Price: £115,000 each 3538

Bwlch-y-Cibau, Llanfyllin

A double building plot with DPP for two 4 bedroom detached houses each with an attached double garage. The properties will extend to approx 150 square metres and the overall site extends to approximately 700 square metres. Situated in Bwlch-y-Cibau which is located between Llanfyllin and Welshpool. The site is offered for sale as a whole and would be of particular interest to builders and small developers.

Guide Price: Offers over £150,000 3590

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Peter John

Mrs Maggie Mellish and the Family of the late Mr Peter Lusher wish to express their sincere thanks to all Relatives, Friends and Neighbours and former Colleagues for the cards, letters, emails and other kind messages of sympathy, love and support received at this sad and difficult time, for your attendance at the Funeral Service and for your donations, which are to be divided between The RSPB and Kidney Research UK, totalling £238.99 to date.

Special thanks to H M Coroners Officer for your guidance and support, to the Bearers for completing your duties with such dignity, to Roland, Tim, Michael, James and all who participated in the Ceremony for your very personal contributions to the occasion, to Ebenezer's Florists for getting the flowers just right, to all at The White Lion Public House in Bridgnorth, for your hospitality and for looking after everyone so well afterwards and to Mrs Kate Spohrer for leading us in a most uplifting Humanist Celebration of Peter's life.

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Our special gratitude to Mr Aubrey Kirkham, Leanne, Julie and staff for their kindness, professionalism and support, also to Mrs Ann Kirkham for the beautiful flowers, and to the Rev. Andrew Evans for the wonderful service.

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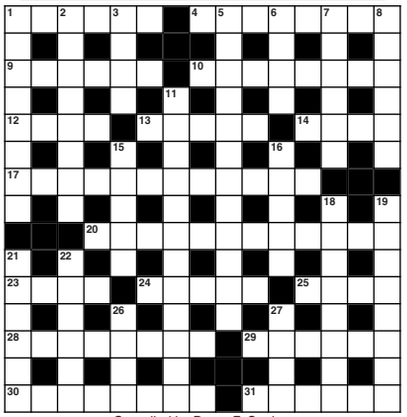

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1 Plant one hundred and fifty too many (6)
4 It currently controls others at variance (8)
9 Properly dressed soldiers are (2,4)
10 Pier gets shaken, but is standing (8)
12 Measure taken to indicate marriage relations (4)
13 Sophisticated playwright who sounded uncultivated (5)
14 Measure round a highway (4)
17 Acted as a locum and did a dentist's job (6,3,3)
20 Doubts about bookings? (12)
23 A way through on foot (4)
24 Planter doing a job that could be worse (5)
25 It's put over a seam at last (4)
28 Suit worn by the wealthy (8)
29 Show around Venice (6)
30 Wild pig in its own fat calls for old port (8)
31 Show resentment? Not a bit! (6)

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1 Upsets the officers and withdraws (5,3)
2 Will lose varied sources of wealth (3,5)
3 Bird from another nest (4)
5 Beginner's course in French (4,8)
6 This oven has a ring outside for roasting (4)
7 He works his hours to suit his customers (6)
8 With it, the essay is without purpose (6)
11 Infant prodigy is hardly to be marvelled at (6,6)
15 Fifty always turn up for a feast (5)
16 The needs of Western workers (5)
18 Science-fiction writer about whom divinity gave a ruling (8)
19 We are its ruin so to speak (2,2,4)
21 Wooden shoe? (6)
22 Cake made by Claire (6)
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27 A boy of four getting nothing right (4)

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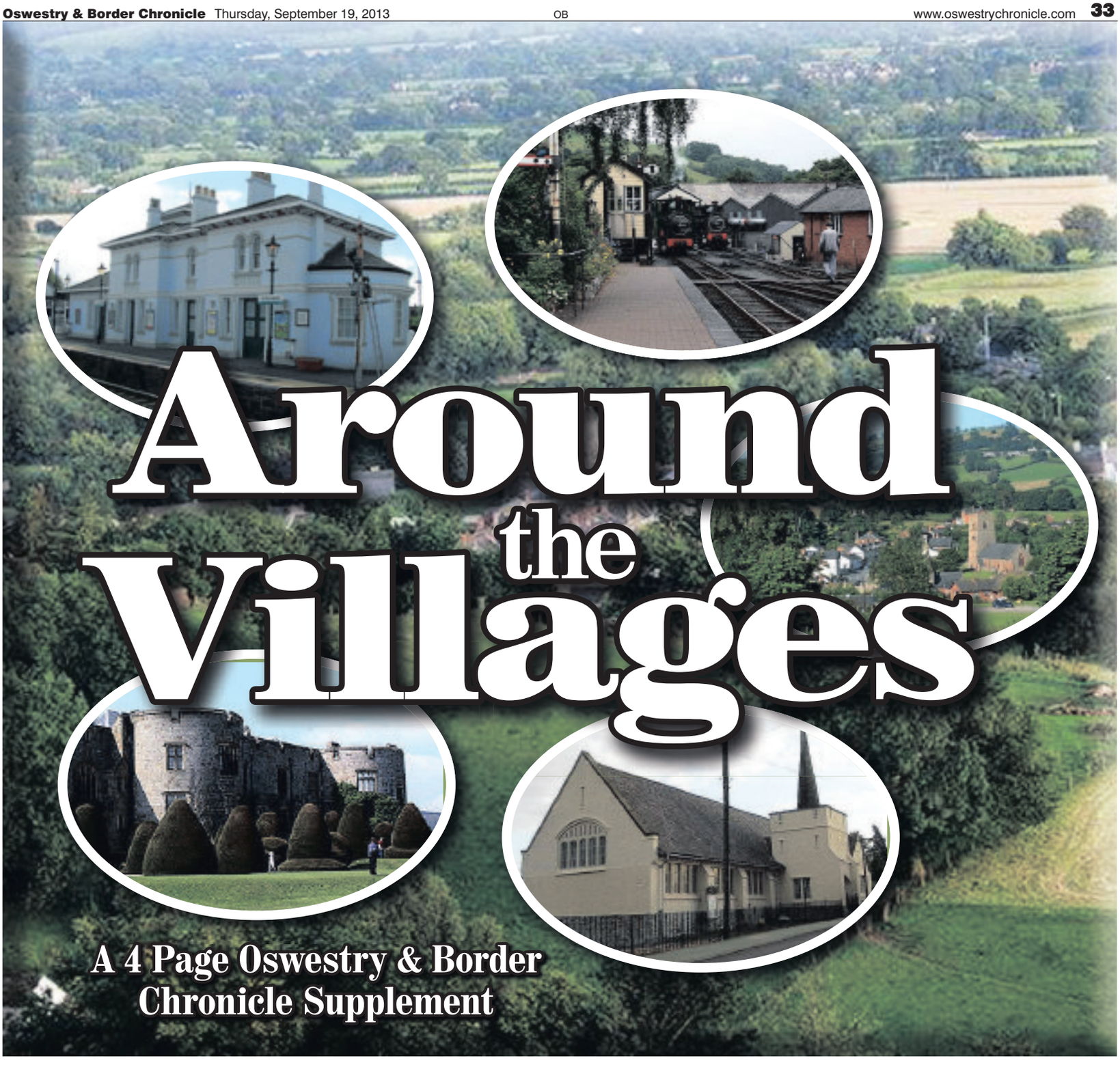

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Demand high for places at academy

THE first primary school in Shropshire to achieve academy status has received 20 per cent more requests for entry than its official admission limit.

Rob McDevitt, of Woodside School in Oswestry, said there had been huge demand for places over the past two years.

"We try hard not to turn anyone away," he added.

The school follows in the footsteps of the town's Marches School which last year became the county's first academy secondary school.

Mr McDevitt said the academy status meant the school, together with START, its attached childcare centre, now has full control of its own budget.

He added: "We aim to use the freedom to further improve learning for all children.

"The school has an open morning on October 11 and parents will be very welcome to come along and see what the school has to offer their child."

The achievement of academy status was marked with a ceremony on Friday attended by North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson.

The MP, together with two children, planted a tree to commemorate the occasion. Six doves were released to symbolise freedom and the achievement of goals.

The Oswestry girls strut their stuff.

After entertaining hotel guests, the Oswestry ensemble take a bow.

Memories of school trip

A LITTLE while ago in this slot we looked back at plans by the Marches School in Oswestry to hold a netball tour in Barbados in 2001, and said we didn't know if they actually went.

by Toby Neal

And now, thanks to one of the teachers back then, we know that the girls did indeed go with not just one visit to Barbados, but two, in 2001 and 2005.

Not only that, but she has loaned us a selection of pictures which will bring back memories for the girls who went.

Anne Cielecki dropped us a line saying: "You ran a 'trip down memory lane' article about the Marches School fundraising for a trip to Barbados and posed the question . . . did they ever go? Indeed we did in 2001 and 2005.

"I am the PE/Dance teacher who organised the trips to Barbados." As there were two different trips, we'll concentrate this week on the first in 2001, and next week we'll have a look at the one which involved a different group of pupils four years later.

Anne tells us: "We first went in 2001 after three years of intensive fundraising.

"We raised over £8,000 through bag packing in Sainsbury's, organising talent shows and dance evenings, cake sales and doing the catering for summer schools that were being held throughout the summer holidays at the Marches.

"The other teachers were Rebecca Evans and Bob McGrath. Dr Jacky Leather and Shona Richardson also came as medical back-up.

"I linked up with the Barbados Sports Council and arranged to play a series of netball matches against local teams.

"One was played at the National Netball Stadium and one at the National Sports Centre.

"Both were amazing experiences!

"I particularly wanted our pupils to mix with the Barbadian children and the one question they were asked over and over was – 'What is snow like?'

"We also were invited to join the Barbados Dance Group for an evening class where we exchanged dance moves.

"The group also performed their 30-minute dance routines in three different hotels as entertainment for the guests – groundbreaking stuff!

"We stayed at the Coconut Court Hotel.

"This group of pupils have indeed gone on to all different careers, medicine, physiotherapy, teaching, accountancy, veterinary.

"Many now have families and businesses of their own."

Chris Parry and Julie Gibson dancing for hotel guests in 2001. Note the sign which states: "The Marches School on Tour."

Students seeking share of cashpot

MORE students than expected are applying for a share of a £225,000 cashpot at an Oswestry-based college, governors said.

The new system of loans is available to students aged over 24 who are taking a level 3 course or above at Walford and North Shropshire College.

The college's cashpot will fund the equivalent of 75 full-time adult places in 2013-14. The new loans can be taken out instead of having to pay any up-front fees and are not means-tested.

Lucy Beaumont, assistant director of learner services, said she was delighted with the take-up. She said: "We have provided a lot of information to applicants about the new loans, taking care to set out the pros and cons.

"So far there has been a really positive response and students seem to welcome the fact that there is nothing to pay up front.

"Students taking Access to Higher Education courses have particularly welcomed the special concession for these courses – where the Advanced Learning Loan is written off in full if/when students successfully complete their university degree."

Principal Andrew Tyley, said: "Whilst we will ask for an additional loan allocation if we run out, extra funding cannot be guaranteed."

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Contest to mark change of name

HOPE Church, in Laburnum Drive, Oswestry, has organised a photographic competition as it raises awareness in the town of its change of name.

The church, which used to be known as Carreg Llwyd Church changed its name in July this year.

Organisers say they want people to take a photograph with the theme "Capturing Hope". The first prize is a £50 voucher from Abbey Colour Photographic Retail, Oswestry.

The winner's work and the second and third will have their photographs displayed in Milano's Coffee and at The Qube.

Entries can be sent to VJ Lonsdale at Hope Church, Laburnum Drive, Oswestry. SY11 2QR or by email to **vj@hopechurchoswestry.org.uk**

Charity tractor spectacle pulls in the crowds to help hospices

by Andrew Morris

FARMERS were on the straight and narrow for a charity event to raise money for hospices.

Hundreds of people turned up at Shottaton, near Nesscliffe, for a charity tractor pull in aid of Hope House and the Severn Hospice.

They enjoyed seeing traditional and sporty tractors pull huge weights as far as they could travel.

Angela McKenna, one of the organisers of the tractor pull, said £2,000 was taken on the gate on Saturday alone.

She said: "We were so lucky as Friday wasn't too good weather-wise, but Saturday was great and despite the weather on Sunday we went ahead and did it anyway.

"On Saturday we had about 400 people come to watch and then more again on Sunday. We had considered cancelling, but it wasn't as bad as we thought.

"The event was a great chance for people to see some of the amazing vehicles used in tractor pulling – I could describe them as tractors crossed with steam trains – or even sports cars to a certain extent.

"It made it all the better again that the event was raising money for Hope House and Severn Hospice – two amazing charities that do so much for people in Shropshire.

"A final figure on how much was raised will be available in the coming days, but we are confident it will be very nice, it was a great success."

At the tractor pull is Richard Probin from Malpas with Bad Medicine, his New Holland Tractor. *Picture: Ian Sheppard.*

The tractor pull gets under way.

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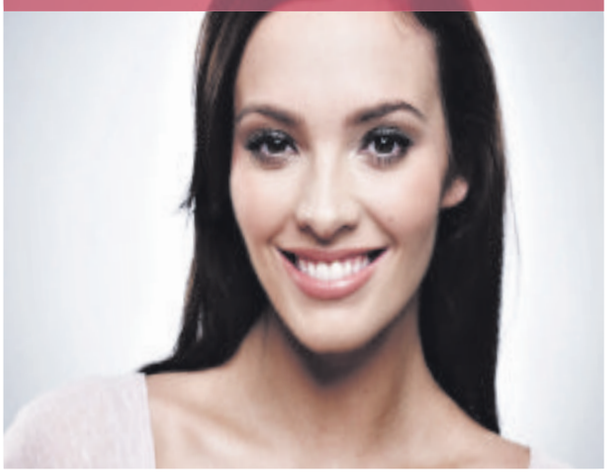

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Singer songwriter plays a show at the Ironworks

GIG GUIDE with Edward Roberts

MAKE sure you head down to The Ironworks tonight (Thursday) as Neil McSweeney is playing and this is one gig you won't want to miss.

If you don't now who he is, Neil McSweeney is a singer songwriter who plays his own brand of traditional folk with a touch of blues and country thrown in for good measure.

McSweeney first attracted the attention of music fans with the release of his debut album 'Remember to Smile' in 2006, which saw airplay on BBC Radio 2.

Following it's release he toured the UK extensively before releasing his second album 'Shoreline' in 2009.

After taking a couple years off to spend time with his family he released his third album 'Cargo' earlier this year.

With a voice that's been compared to a male Tracy Chapman, McSweeney fills his songs with honest, heartfelt lyrics.

If you're a fan of Johnny Flynn and the Sussex Wit or The Decemberists then this is for you.

And if that wasn't enough to get your attention, support will come from the brilliant Veera Van Heeringen.

Veera is a Dutch singer/guitarist who has wowed audiences at The Ironworks in the past with her modern take on traditional bluegrass.

Neil McSweeney will be at The Ironworks tonight (Thursday).

Originally hailing from Holland, but now based in Powys, Vera is a virtuoso musician with a voice as incredible as her guitar playing.

Once a member of the award winning New Rope String Band, Vera will be joined by former bandmate and extremely talented fiddle player Jock Tyldesley.

There really is no reason to not go along.

The gig starts at 8.30pm with tickets costing £6 in advance and £8 on the door.

If you're in Welshpool on Friday night then head along to the Royal Oak as Blues State UK front man Eddy Gartry will be performing.

Known for his roles in cult blues band Blues State UK and the equally brilliant T-Bird Rising, Eddy plays old school blues at it's best.

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Led Zeppelin tribute act Fred Zeppelin will be playing at The Ironworks on Saturday night.

Considered one of the best tribute acts in the UK, they have even gained the attention of former Zeppelin front man Robert Plant who has attended three of their gigs.

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Motoring

Stylish Alfa hatchback winning new admirers

Drive time with Graham Breeze

ALFA Romeo has been claiming that the stylish Giulietta has a growing band of admirers and now there is evidence to back up its claim.

Now the Italians can rightly claim the elegant Giulietta is one of the most popular cars in the UK.

The five-door hatchback has caught the imagination of Britain's motorists with its blend of style, performance and handling, achieving a shock seventh place in an Auto Express Driver Power survey.

Quickly

The analysis, of more than 45,000 car owners, shows how quickly the Alfa Giulietta has won thousands of UK fans – this is its first time in the Driver Power survey, as it wasn't rated last year.

The Giulietta's performance, braking, ease of driving, ride quality, and in-car technology will have figured highly in the choice as well as stunning good looks.

All were evident in a week-long test of the 1.4 TB MultiAir 170bhp model, which means now it really is an alternative to the class favourites.

One of the best features is you can tailor the Giulietta's throttle and steering responses by selecting between three modes. You do need to remember not to be in "Dynamique" mode when in traffic though as the car is so sensitive that you find yourself bouncing around.

There's decent handling and body control too even on the 1.4 petrol on test, which never once gave the impression of being underpowered and produced a particularly attractive growl when asked to produce a little extra.

I was disappointed with the cabin though, which could be better equipped and feels a bit lightweight. I had expected better.

You can't argue about the space in the front, though sporty seats mean the ride is isn't the most comfortable. And I wouldn't volunteer to travel too far in the back where knee and headroom is pretty limited.

Boot space is also small, but the model surprised me by passing the golf club test.

There isn't much room for the necessary maps and bits and bobs in the door pockets but Alfa has gone out of its way to create extra storage space between the front seats.

The Giulietta is high on safety levels. There's stability control, front, side and curtain airbags and active anti-whiplash front head restraints – all fitted as standard.

And the model was awarded top marks in Euro NCAP crash tests. Deadlocks and marked parts are also found on every version, while Lusso models and above come with an alarm.

The MultiAir on test came in stunning red – I don't think Alfa should do any other colour.

The six-speed gearbox helped power the 1.4 petrol unit to a top speed of 135mph and 0-62mph in 7.8 seconds while producing combined fuel figures of 48.7mpg.

Other standard items included an alarm system, darkened headlights, side skirts, aluminium sports pedals, sports dials, sports steering wheel and dual-zone automatic climate control.

You also get 'stop and start' technology, a multifunctional display and trip computer, all-round electric windows, heated mirrors and 60/40 split folding rear seats.

The price may be competitive in the sector at £21,810 but it rocketed to £25,730 with the addition of 18in sports wheels, parking sensors, exclusive paint, red brake callipers, cold glove box, visibility pack and hifi Bose sound system.

Alfa has clearly won more friends than we all expected but their challenge is to turn those admirers into customers.

The Alfa Giulietta hatchback looks to be a serious competitor in its class

The Alfa Giulietta was awarded top marks in Euro NCAP crash tests

Bumper to bumper

Alfa Romeo Giulietta

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Fantastic 4 two-door is all new from BMW

By Matt Joy

Good news normally comes in threes, but BMW would have you believe that it comes in fours too.

The German firm's 3 Series is arguably its most important car; it regularly features in the list of top ten sellers in the UK, it manages that difficult feat of being popular with private buyers as well as fleets and it even manages to transform itself into a desirable sports car wearing an M badge.

There's certainly no shortage of love for the 3.

But now there's a BMW 4 Series, although the cynics amongst you might describe this as the 3 Series Coupe. But a coupe it most certainly is, which means it will feature on a lot of wish lists – with good reason too.

Visual

Aside from the obvious reduction in the number of doors, 4 Series models are marked out by a number of visual differences – only the bonnet is shared with its four-door cousin.

There are bigger headlights (with optional LEDs), a more aggressive front bumper, flared wheelarches and also 'air breathers' – small vents in the front wings which are primarily for improving aerodynamics but are also designed to catch the eye.

There are LED lights at the rear as standard too, and with the lower ride height and wider track there is a definite increased sense of purpose about the 4 Series. On paper you might question paying more for fewer doors, but once you've seen it in the flesh it starts to make sense; this is one handsome beast.

Skinnier-tyred versions might not look quite as slick, but a sensible person with an eye for the aesthetic will be selecting at least an 18-inch wheel from the options list.

Sleek and chic – BMW's 4 Series coupe features improved aerodynamics

On the inside there's the familiar cabin layout which, in typical BMW fashion, manages to hit all the notes. The supportive seats, the crystal-clear instruments and the reassuring snap of all the buttons puts you at ease behind the wheel. It might only be a small change but the front seats are mounted 9mm lower than in the saloon, contributing to the sport feeling you expect from a car like this.

In the back there's a similar amount of room for passengers but the seats aresculpted to offer a bit more support to keep them in place as you tackle a challenging road. The lower roofline means a fraction less headroom,but only Herman Munster will find it a problem.

It's not just visual either. Thanks to the standard lowered suspension BMW claims the 4 Series has the lowest centre of gravity of any model in its range – something that is a crucial element of good driving dynamics.

And perhaps unsurprisingly it is the way the 4 Series tackles the bends that really shows it in its best light. With sizeable wheels and tyres on this 435i version there is huge amounts of grip on offer, although when pressed there is sufficient power available to play the hooligan.

But the 4 Series is best savoured by being driven more smoothly, and enjoying the quick and accurate steering, excellent body control and sheer enthusiasm – it tackles bends with a genuine joy to match any enthusiastic driver.

The engine range comprises of thrifty petrols and diesels including the popular 2.0-litre diesel already seen in the 320d as well as the turbocharged 2.0-litre petrol, but here the range-topping 435i delivers a very strong 302bhp thanks to its twin-turbochargers.

The super-slick eight-speed automatic transmission works superbly whether its in auto or manual mode, and with the EcoPro, Comfort, Sport and Sport+ modes governing everything from the suspension, steering, throttle response and gearshift operation the 4 Series is genuinely capable of adapting to your current needs.

There's a rational case for saying that you can get 95 per cent of what the 4 Series offers from its only slightly more humble four-door siblings, but that would be missing the point entirely.

There's extra style as well as presence, and that's something that anyone who can afford it, will. With the 4 Series, there is genuine ability to back up the looks.

Bumper to bumper

BMW 435i

Engine: 3.0-litre petrol unit producing 302bhp and 295lb.ft
Transmission: eight-speed automatic driving the rear wheels
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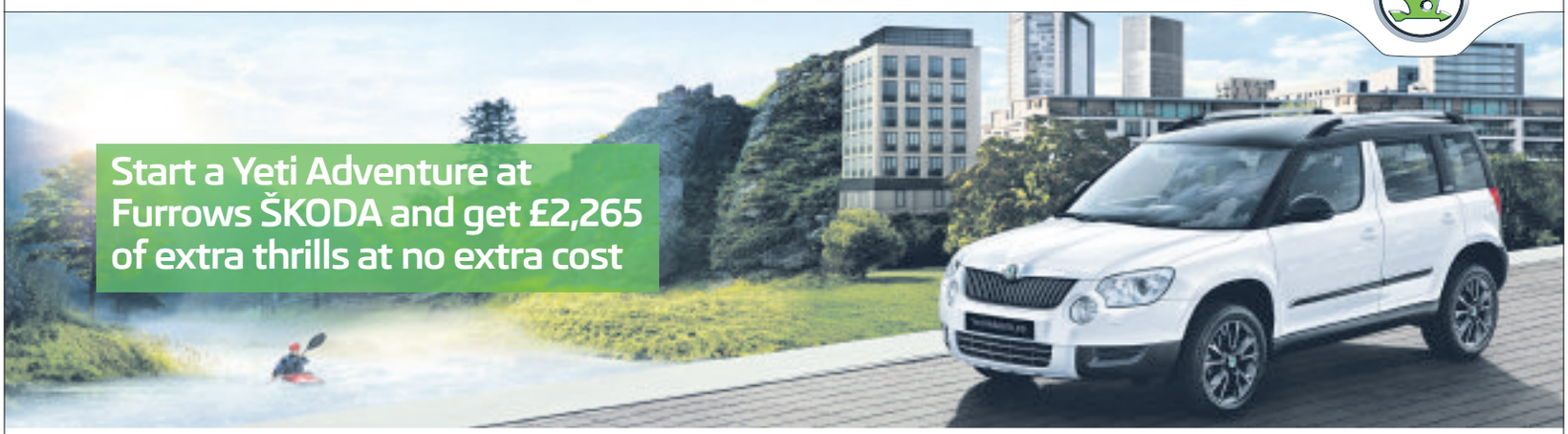

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Cash price (Inc VAT)	£8995.00	Miles per annum	6,000
Duration	48 months	Excess mileage charge	3.04p
Amount to finance	£8995.00	Fixed rate	7.5%
Interest charges	£1995.00	**APR**	**8.6%**
1 Final payment of	£3885.18		

11 Reg Ford Fiesta
1.4 TDCi Zetec 5dr

Under £29 Per Week

46 monthly payments	£124.65	Option to purchase fee	£10.00
Deposit	NIL	Total amount payable	£9332.13
Cash price (Inc VAT)	£7495.00	Miles per annum	6,000
Duration	48 months	Excess mileage charge	2.79p
Amount to finance	£7495.00	Fixed rate	7.3%
Interest charges	£1837.13	**APR**	**8.6%**
1 Final payment of	£3473.58		

12 Reg Fiat 500
1.2 Lounge 3dr

Under £30 Per Week

46 monthly payments	£127.49	Option to purchase fee	£10.00
Deposit	NIL	Total amount payable	£9843.37
Cash price (Inc VAT)	£7995.00	Miles per annum	6,000
Duration	48 months	Excess mileage charge	2.30p
Amount to finance	£7995.00	Fixed rate	6.8%
Interest charges	£1848.37	**APR**	**8.0%**
1 Final payment of	£3851.34		

11 Reg Ford Focus

Cash Price & Total Payable **£7795** Deposit **Nil** 260 Weekly Payments of **£29.98**
0%APR

11 Reg Seat Ibiza

Cash Price & Total Payable **£7795** Deposit **Nil** 260 Weekly Payments of **£29.98**
0%APR

07 Vauxhall Zafira

Cash Price & Total Payable **£3995** Deposit **Nil** 260 Weekly Payments of **£15.36**
0%APR

61 Reg Seat Leon
2.0 TDi 140 FR 5dr

Under £30 Per Week

Representative Example:

46 monthly payments of	£128.08	Option to purchase fee	£10.00
Deposit	£2600.00	Total amount payable	£13691.01
Cash price (Inc VAT)	£11495.00	Miles per annum	6,000
Duration	48 months	Excess mileage charge	3.30p
Amount to finance	£8895.00	Fixed rate	7.1%
Interest charges	£2196.01	**Representative APR**	**8.1%**
1 Final payment of	£5071.25		

10 Reg Fiat Punto

Cash Price & Total Payable **£4995** Deposit **Nil** 260 Weekly Payments of **£19.21**
0%APR

10 Reg Peugeot 207

Cash Price & Total Payable **£5595** Deposit **Nil** 260 Weekly Payments of **£21.51**
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Cash Price & Total Payable **£4995** Deposit **Nil** 260 Weekly Payments of **£19.21**
0%APR

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2000 W	**VW GOLF 2.0 GTi** 5-door. Black, alloy wheels	£1,499
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2010 10 HYUNDAI MATRIX 1.5 CRDi 5-door, Metallic Silver, 10,000 miles, FSH **£6,499**

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2010 60 VOLKSWAGEN POLO 1.6 TDi SEL 3-door Manual. Bright Red, one owner, 26,000 miles, FSH **SOLD**

SPORT

League tables

Birmingham & District Premier Cricket League

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	L	A	Bat	Bwl	Pts
Shrewsbury	22	9	3	1	18	21	378
Brockhampton	22	7	7	3	20	22	287
Knowle & D'ridge	22	7	7	0	26	29	283
Himley	22	8	7	0	22	34	280
Kidderminster Vic	22	6	9	1	21	26	264
Berkswell	22	7	9	0	28	28	260
Walsall	22	5	9	3	25	37	259
Barnt Green	22	8	6	3	21	30	258
West Brom D'mth	22	7	9	2	22	23	247
Walmley	22	6	9	3	28	35	236
Wolverhampton	22	2	12	2	37	48	205
Wombourne	22	3	13	2	25	40	150

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	A	Bat	Bwl	Pts
Kenilworth Wrdns	22	12	1	1	8	15	410
Dorridge	22	12	5	0	16	23	335
Smethwick	22	6	5	1	19	32	312
Barnards Green	22	3	10	1	28	30	279
Wellington	22	9	9	1	18	25	278
Bromsgrove	22	6	11	1	31	30	252
Moseley	22	4	11	0	38	41	239
Old Hill	22	4	8	2	33	35	238
Ombersley	22	7	10	1	16	38	235
Shifnal	22	5	9	0	21	27	230
Leamington Spa	22	5	12	1	29	33	211
Brewood	22	1	14	1	30	45	140

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	A	Bat	Bwl	Pts
Oswestry	21	5	5	1	12	13	348
Harborne	22	9	3	2	20	22	329
Old Elizabethans	21	8	5	1	22	32	304
Stourbridge	22	6	8	1	11	25	291
Whitchurch	22	6	9	2	22	32	269
Water Orton	22	4	10	1	12	25	265
Eastnor	22	4	9	1	20	33	264
Halesowen	22	6	11	0	22	28	260
Coventry & NW	22	6	9	2	23	34	255
Attock	22	8	10	0	32	27	249
Stratford-up-Avon	22	3	13	1	25	36	202
Fordhouses	22	2	16	2	42	25	121

DIVISION 3

	P	W	L	A	Bat	Bwl	Pts
Penkridge	22	15	1	1	8	7	402
Tamworth	22	11	5	0	21	21	354
Kings Heath	22	7	8	0	24	24	312
Penn	22	8	7	3	28	37	287
Bridgnorth	22	7	8	2	21	26	276
Streetly	22	8	10	0	29	39	276
Quatt	22	6	9	2	29	40	265
Milford Hall	22	6	9	2	19	28	259
Aston Manor	22	4	10	1	21	34	254
Cannock	22	6	11	0	16	32	222
Worcester Nmds	22	6	14	0	28	29	187
Evesham	22	0	20	1	18	39	86

2ND PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	L	A	Bat	Bwl	Pts
Knowle & D'ridge	22	16	2	1	10	10	403
Harborne	22	10	5	0	28	27	336
Old Hill	22	5	9	0	29	27	285
Barnt Green	22	10	9	0	14	20	284
Leamington Spa	22	7	9	0	28	25	283
Himley	22	7	7	2	33	33	258
Shrewsbury	22	8	10	1	21	29	254
Wolverhampton	22	6	10	1	22	28	254
Walmley	22	7	9	2	29	33	251
Moseley	22	4	10	2	40	37	213
Walsall	22	2	13	2	20	46	189
Dorridge	22	2	15	3	28	31	125

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	A	Bat	Bwl	Pts
Attock	22	7	4	0	32	28	362
Brockhampton	22	10	3	0	31	28	353
Shifnal	22	14	2	2	15	18	343
Wellington	22	9	7	0	16	28	305
Kidderminster Vic	22	10	6	2	16	24	302
West Brom D'mth	22	6	10	2	30	44	242
Bridgnorth	22	8	9	2	21	33	235
Halesowen	22	6	11	0	32	33	222
Smethwick	22	6	13	0	21	30	208
Tamworth	22	3	10	1	28	35	197
Stratford-up-Avon	22	3	13	1	40	40	191
Wombourne	22	3	13	0	28	43	143

DIVISION 2 (N)

	P	W	L	A	Bat	Bwl	Pts
Penkridge	22	10	3	0	21	16	388
Streetly	22	8	5	1	24	23	372
Cannock	22	10	4	2	19	24	323
Aston Manor	22	8	5	1	30	22	323
Penn	22	10	5	2	12	22	320
Milford Hall	22	9	7	0	27	30	293
Stourbridge	22	5	8	2	22	26	266
Oswestry	22	4	13	0	31	40	213
Quatt	22	6	13	1	29	34	200
Fordhouses	22	3	10	3	26	36	199
Whitchurch	22	2	13	2	29	46	165
Brewood	22	0	19	0	15	42	93

Barlows Bowling League table and results

Division one: P/Brockhurst A 168 (8), Nantwich Pk Rd B 102 (0); Whixall A 122 (3), Chester Rd A 154 (5); Cholmondeley A 120 (2), Wem Albion A 153 (6); Hanmer B 156 (7), Ellesmere A 103 (1); A W C 150 (5), Audlem A 128 (3); Ellesmere B 135 (4), Hadnall A 136 (4).

Division two: District 139 (5), Calverhall 112 (3); Cheswardine 166 (6), Hanmer A 121(2); Chester Rd B 154 (5), Nant/Barony 127(3); Newport A 151 (7), Wollerton 106 (1); Tilstock A 143 (6), Ellesmere C 133 (2); Bridgewater B 155 (7), Chester Rd C 112 (1); Con Club 141 (5), Whixall B 117 (3).

Division three: Prees 161 (6), Adderley A 116 (2); Ellesmere D 136 (5), Tilstock B 128 (3); Adderley B 163 (7), Mkt. Drayton B C 107 (1); Wem Alb B 85 (1), Newport B 165 (7); Nantwich Pk Rd A 149 (4), Cholmondeley B 125 (4); P /Brockhurst B 168 (8), Ercall Magna B C 50 (0); Hadnall B 161 (5), Malpas B C 115 (3).

DIVISION 1

	P	W	Pts
P/Brockhurst A	184	121	3398
Hanmer B	184	121	3387
Chester Rd A	184	103	3309
Hadnall A	184	110	3300
A W C	184	98	3269
Wem Albion A	184	104	3245
Ellesmere A	184	90	3205
Bridgewater A	176	105	3143
Audlem A	184	85	3005
Nantwich Pk Rd B	184	81	2950
Audlem B	176	69	2859
Cholmondeley A	184	62	2758
Ellesmere B	184	64	2699
Whixall A	184	67	2667

DIVISION 2

	P	W	Pts
Hanmer A	184	110	3297
District	184	107	3255
Calverhall	184	103	3238
Whixall B	184	93	3167
Cheswardine	184	87	3154
Nant/Barony	184	92	3150
Ellesmere C	184	97	3143
Bridgewater B	184	96	3141
Chester Rd B	184	91	3139
Wollerton	184	88	3036
Newport A	184	92	3026
Con Club	184	78	3003
Tilstock A	184	80	2965
Chester Rd C	184	74	2956

DIVISION 3

	P	W	Pts
Newport B	184	147	3650
Adderley B	184	143	3575
Prees	184	114	3290
Hadnall B	184	97	3173
Cholmondeley B	184	96	3073
Nantwich Pk Rd A	184	86	2961
Tilstock B	184	78	2956
Malpas B C	184	82	2944
Ellesmere D	184	88	2909
P /Brockhurst B	184	83	2891
Mkt. Drayton B C	184	75	2836
Ercall Magna B C	184	71	2772
Wem Alb B	184	67	2654
Adderley A	184	61	2583

Tennis club starts autumn league with a great win

OSWESTRY Tennis Club started its autumn mixed league season campaign in style with their second team taking all eight points in a win over Town Walls Tennis Club's first team.

The border team were starting their challenge on Group Three having been promoted last season but were up against a team that last year played in Group Two.

Captain Gary Edwards partnered Speth Cumpston as first pair and soon took control of their first rubber taking the first set 6-2 and wrapping up a win by taking the second set 6-4. Matt Grice and Judy Lloyd offered a new combination for Oswestry playing as second pair and as both were struggling with illness they had to assess whether they would be able to complete their rubbers from early in the first set. However they dug deep and took victory over the Town Walls second pair by 6-2, 6-3 leaving the home side two rubbers to the good going into the reverse rubbers.

Edwards and Cumpston again made light work of the Town Walls second pairing beating them 6-1, 6-2.

Grice and Lloyd also made good progress against the Town Walls first pairing, winning the first set 6-2 and were closing in on the rubber leading the second set 5-2 when the Town Walls pairing staged an impressive come-back to level the rubber at one set each.

However Grice and Lloyd held their nerve i take the rubber in three sets.

College shooting team record personal bests

ELLESMERE College's shooting stars recorded personal bests for Team GB at the annual Landsstaevne sports festival in Denmark.

Katy Leeming, Richard Lay and James Slater represented the eight-strong Great Britain School's Shooting Team alongside some of the best competitors from all over the world.

They competed in the individual and team men's and women's junior 50m Rifle Prone.

The team finished second in the overall team competition, narrowly loosing out to the host nation by six points.

Katy said: "The experience of shooting for the Great Britain Schools Team in Denmark was amazing, because I got to compete alongside world champions, which really inspired me.

Attracted

"The whole event was something that I will never forget and it was disappointing not to finish in top spot."

The popular show and national athletics festival attracted over 20,000 entrants this year, who were involved in 22 separate disciplines.

Rhyn go fourth as late goal seals win

WESTON RHYN moved into fourth place in the Mercian Regional League premier division as a Steve Benyon strike earned a 2-1 win at home to Bridgnorth reserves.

Matty Owen's side, however, struggled to get into their stride as they ground out a second win in a row that saw them finish with 10 men after Chris Bishop was red-carded in injury time.

Rhyn took the lead in the 22nd minutes when a terrific through ball down the left by Jack Hughes found Matthew Hardy who ran on before slotting past advancing keeper Ben Taylor.

Bridgnorth levelled in the 61st minute when Ruben Smith's corner found Ryan Davies whose far post header was helped in by Charlie Fensome.

Stoppage

But the hosts were not to be denied and won it in the 80th minutes when Guy Guilsford's left wing corner was only half cleared and the ball fell for Benyon who sent a left foot strike from 25 yards through a crowd of players and into the corner of the net.

The match ended on a sour note when Rhyn were reduced to 10 men in the fourth minute of stoppage time when Bishop was shown a straight red card for punching Bridgnorth's Charlie Tarr off the ball.

Weston Rhyn now entertain Whitchurch Alport on Saturday (3pm) with their visitors currently one place above in third position.

Warren gives a masterclass as he boxes way to victory

By Graham Breeze

Welshpool's Warren Sinden provided a boxing masterclass, and up to 150 of his fans made it a night to remember as they raised the roof at the Birmingham Institute on Friday night.

Sinden, 24, was in stunning form as he dispatched the experienced Rick Boulter in four aggressive rounds backed by a superb Welshpool following that once again stole the show.

While Sinden, known as Big Rig, did the business in the ring, his supporters chanted throughout his fight ensuring most of the 1,000-strong crowd took to the Welshpool fighter.

"In these times when everyone is skint, to see so many people spend hard earned money to come and support me is humbling and I would like to thank each and every one of those that made the journey here," Sinden said after his third professional fight.

"Rick was a tough fighter but it's another win for me and I can't wait now for my next fight."

Fitness

That next fight could be as soon as six weeks time and with Sinden proving such a popular box office draw it's no wonder the sport is becoming excited about its latest Welsh hope.

But Boulter was a tough nut to crack. Following his dramatic ring entrance, Sinden found the Lincoln southpaw hard to break down in a first round which he narrowly edged.

The second round saw Sinden in commanding mood and he was by far the busier fighter without causing Boulter too much trouble.

The third was similar with Sinden on the front foot throughout and showing tremendous fitness and hand speed.

With Boulter tiring in the fourth and final round and Sinden still having a spring in his step, the onslaught continued with chants of "There's only one Warren Sinden" raining down from the balconies as his support sensed victory.

But Sinden couldn't find the knock-out blow and was awarded a comfortable points victory.

Action from the Friday 13th fight night will be shown on Showcase TV (channels 191 on Sky and 400 on FreeSat) on Sunday, September 22 and then repeated the following Wednesday.

Welshpool boxer Warren Sinden, left, gets set to throw a right hand in the bout with Rick Boulter which sinden won on points

Sinden and Boulter tangles during their bout in Birmingham

Warren Sinden salutes the crowd afer his victory

Ultimates in great form

Oswestry Ultimates 13 Prees Panthers 0

The Ultimates started their first home game of the season with a great performance.

They made a good start in the first half to gain a 2-0 lead by half time.

In the second half the Ultimates took control of the game and continued to increase the score, playing some excellent football to gain an impressive final result.

Goal scorers Kai Hurdman, Cameron Bache, James Griffiths 2, Josh Schrader, 4 and Robbie Bateman 5.

Man of the Match was awarded to George Lloyd.

Ifton stay in relegation dogfight after defeat

IFTON remain in the relegation dogfight in the Shropshire Premier Bowls League after slumping 9-5 (213-202) at home to Wem USC on a rain drenched green.

Defeat leaves the St Martins side 10 points above basement side Archibald Worthington – who have a game in hand –and still with work to do when they head to Castlefields on Friday for their last action of a difficult campaign.

They should still be able to avoid the end of season relegation play-offs despite the predicament, but it has become too close for comfort in recent weeks.

"We should be okay but I've been saying that for six weeks now," said captain Dicky Jones.

"The green was flooded last week, and in hindsight we shouldn't really have played as they wouldn't have beaten us had it had not been so wet."

Megis Phillips took Ifton's most valuable player honour last Friday when winning 21-14 against Wem's Fred Bailey, while the biggest winner of the night was Nicky Jones (21-6).

Giles Evans prevailed to 11, Brian Hayes to 16 and Derrick Roberts shaded a closely fought encounter 21-19, while Keiron Roberts lost to 19.

Johnstown celebrate both team and individual titles

JOHNSTOWN are celebrating an individual and team double in the Oswestry League.

Kurt Edwards won the youth singles at Llanrhaeadr and was also a key member of the Johnstown A team that came out on top of 16 sides contesting the Corwen Shield.

Edwards was one of 24 youngsters aged eight to 17 who played in a round-robin qualifying section to produce the last eight of the under-18s event, beating Luke Dulson of Criftins 21-15 in his semi-final.

Curtis Metcalfe (Ellesmere) held off a late challenge from Llanrhaeadr's Huw France to win his semi 21-19 and set up the final showdown. League comps chief Trevor Roberts said it had been a tight final.

"Kurt pulled away and took a 17-10 lead," he said. "But Curtis battled away and got to 16-19 before the Johnstown star won the last two ends to win the cup 21-16."

Oswestry club Church staged the semi-finals and final of the Corwen Shield and it was very nearly an all-Johnstown final. The club's B team tied on 151 chalks and four winners each with Whittington, losing on the best individual winner rule. Johnstown A beat Ceiriog Valley A 147-133 in their semi. In the final, things looked bleak for Johnstown A when they lost their first three games and trailed Whittington by 20. But up stepped two young stars, youth winner Edwards and Ryan Bond. "The momentum swung Johnstown's way and the last three blocks saw them home to win by 13, 156 to 143," added Roberts.

League tables

Spar Mid Wales League

Division two: Bont 1, Newbridge-on-Wye 1; Hay St Mary's 4, Talgarth 0; Knighton 1, Abermule 1.

Welsh Cup Prelim round two: Aberaeron 3, Bow Street 0; Carno 1, Barmouth 2; Llandrindod Wells 5, Waterloo 4; Builth Wells 3, Llanfair Utd 7; Presteigne 3, Four Crosses 2.

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	F	A	gAgg	Pts
Berriew	5	5	0	25	3	22	15
Aberaeron	6	4	1	17	5	12	13
L'drindod Wells	4	4	0	31	2	29	12
Carno	4	4	0	12	1	11	12
Llanfair Utd	4	3	0	15	2	13	10
Bow Street	5	3	2	7	7	0	9
Four Crosses	4	2	0	10	7	3	8
Tywyn/Bryncrug	4	2	2	10	10	0	6
Waterloo	5	1	1	7	8	-1	6
Builth Wells	6	2	4	7	18	-11	6
Welshpool	6	1	4	10	21	-11	4
Montgomery	6	1	4	3	26	-23	4
Llansantffraid	6	1	5	6	18	-12	3
Dyffryn Banw	5	0	4	6	19	-13	1
Aber Uni	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dolgellau	6	0	6	4	23	-19	0

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	F	A	gAgg	Pts
Knighton	4	1	0	7	5	2	6
Presteigne	3	1	0	8	5	3	5
Hay St Marys	3	1	1	8	6	2	4
Abermule	3	1	1	2	3	-1	4
Kerry	3	0	0	9	9	0	3
Rhosgoch	2	1	1	7	7	0	3
Bont	3	0	0	5	5	0	3
Machynlleth	2	1	1	3	4	-1	3
Newbridge	3	0	1	2	3	-1	2
Talgarth	2	0	1	1	5	-4	1

SPORT

Eagles soar to their first triumph of the season

AFTER an opening day defeat, Oswestry gained their first win of the season in the South Lancs and Cheshire Two with a 22-13 home win over Marple.

The went into the game taking heart from a late fightback in their 32-27 loss at Moore the previous week, and the consistent performance will put them in good heart for Saturday's trip to early leaders Liverpool Collegiate.

The Eagles made a flying start with young wing Jack Fox showing his speed to score under the posts after some great play from backs Tom Treasure and Elliott Wilson, scrum half Dan Williams converting before increasing the lead with a penalty.

Marple reduced the arrears with a couple of penalties but this spurred the Eagles into action after the interval, with hooker Rich McFie powering over in the corner from five metres out. The conversion from the touchline was missed.

Marple then upped their game, building up their phases, but the Oswestry defence stood firm, marshalled by a hard hitting back row of Dan Samuels, Jerry Wilford and Tyler Morris.

They were then bolstered by substitutes Andy Evans, making his debut, and Luke Parkes.

However, Maple continued to apply pressure, until Fox, faced with a three-on-one, showed great vision and audacity to intercept on his own 22, and out paced the Marple back three to score a superb breakaway try.

This was converted by Williams, making the score 22-6, before Marple gained a late consolation try which was converted.

Frankton lose but happy with place in league

FRANKTON Firsts final FBC Manby Bowdler premier division game was at the home of Reman Services, who were invited to bat first.

For much of their innings, Reman were kept well in check, thanks to an excellent spell from Rich Parry Jones (4-49 from 15 overs).

A great innings from Reman skipper, Mel Serplett (92) took the game away from Frankton, until he was beaten by the guile of occassional bowler Jason Brookes in the final over.

Reman closed on an impressive 274 for 8 in their 50 overs.

Frankton started their reply in impressive fashion, with Ian Whitticase (47) and Sam Owen (35) putting on 80 for the first wicket. Once they were parted, wickets started to fall, including that of the skipper first ball, but at the halfway stage Frankton were still in contention at 125 for 4.

Tom Welti scored a fluent 37, but the biggest cheer of the day came when old campaigner Brookes got off the mark, after a few recent difficulties.

A rapid 38 (from 14 balls, including 4 sixes) followed from Parry-Jones, but the innings closed soon after his dismissal, with Frankton scoring 201.

That ended reassuring campaign, finishing a respectable 8th, proving to all concerned, themselves included, that Frankton can hold their own in the Premier Division.

Result: Reman Services (24 points) beat Frankton (8 points) by 73 runs.

The 2nd XI celebrated winning the division two title with an easy nine wicket win against lowly Shelton IIs.

Shelton were restricted to 127 all out, with Danny Evans taking 4 wickets. The home team knocked these runs off in double quick time – 15 overs – with Lloyd Phillips scoring a brilliant 102 not out, his second ton for the club.

He was given good support by emergency opener, Richard Lammie, 22 not out.

This brought a suitable end to a great season for the 2nd XI.

Result: Frankton II (20 points) beat Shelton II (1 point) by 9 wickets.

In Division Five Frankton III's ended their 2013 season with an excellent win against the division champions, Harpers, from Newport.

Rain held up the start of play for two hours, during which time the players enjoyed an early tea, magnificently organised and presented by Anna James.

Harpers opted to bat first, on a dry pitch, well protected by the covers. Archie Dickin struck a couple of early blows to finish with 2-14 from five overs. Jack Hutchinson also took a wicket, to leave Harpers on 27 for 3.

After a brief recovery through Pentakota (25)and Kolhagure (21), further wickets fell to James Wigley, Will Evans and Will Smith (3 for 19) as the champions were bowled out for 105 in the 29th over.

Frankton's batting order was drawn out of a hat, but opener Will Smith did not last long. Elwyn Jones (42 not out) and Will Evans (24) then added 50 for the second wicket before Evans was bowled.

The senior pairing of Jones and John James (11) added a further 20, and victory seemed assured as Jones retired to make way for younger legs. There followed a clatter of wickets, as Harpers fought back, and Frankton limped over the line in the 26th over with 8 wickets down.

So ended a most successful season with a mostly very young side finishing a creditable 8th in the league.

Barton hits brace but Guils held to a draw

DANNY Barton continued his prolific early form in the Cymru Alliance with a brace – but despite his efforts Guilsfield were held 3-3 at home to a lively Buckley Town outfit.

Seasoned campaigner Barton and Chris Cathrall had the Guils two goals up inside 16 minutes, but the home side failed to press on as Buckley hit back to level after the break through a Dan Halloran penalty on 50 minutes and Josh Griffiths, who was allowed to cut in from the right, on the hour.

Barton restored the home lead with his ninth goal of the season when producing a neat turn and shot inside the penalty area, but tricky winger Bevan Burey earned party with a reply following a mazy run 13 minutes from time.

Burey then let his side down when picking up his second yellow card with five minutes remaining but Guilsfield were unable to capitalise despite piling forward.

To put a damper on an indifferent day, Barton ended the game with a slight hamstring strain which will mean a couple of weeks on the sidelines for the in-form veteran striker.

A four-goal salvo from Mike Jukes sent LLANRHAEADR crashing to a 5-0 home reverse to big spending Conwy United to remain in the lower regions.

Jukes gave the visitors the lead with a 22nd minute strike and Ryan Wignall doubled the advantage on the stroke off half time, before Jukes added three more in the second period on 53, 65 and 67 minutes to put paid to the villagers.

Sturday's games: Huws Gray Cymru Alliance (2.30), Buckley Town v Penycae, Caernarfon v Flint Cefn Druids v Flint, Conwy Borough v Llanidloes Town, Holyhead Hotspur v Rhydymwyn, Llanrhaeadr v Caersws, Porthmadog v Penrhyncoch, Rhayader Town v Llandudno

Glas keep promotion hopes alive with last-day victory

CAE GLAS pulled off a thrilling last-day win over Church Stretton to give them hope of being promoted to the Shropshire Cricket League division two next season.

Needing a maximum 24 points to have any chance of stepping up from the third division next term, the Glas snatched a dramatic 104-run victory over Stretton with just an over to spare, with the south Shropshire men losing their last six wickets in seven overs.

Although they secured the win, Cae Glas were pipped into second spot by Chelmarsh who defeated Shrewsbury – but they may still go up in third place as Chelmarsh and champions Wheaton Aston do not have reserve teams – a criteria for promotion.

CRICKET
by John Bridgwater

It was a remarkable finish to the season for Glas who posted 225-7 in 42 overs after being asked to bat, with the decision to declare to allow them three extra overs ultimately proving crucial.

Opener Andy Griffiths top scored with 69, Ian Holgate hit 20 and Ruch Nimanath made 26 to become the club's highest run scorer in league cricket with over 650 runs, breaking Trevor Phillips' record that has stood for over 30 years.

Aidan Martyn also weighed in with a handy 57 to bolster the total.

Skipper Peter Lee remained defiant in Stretton's reply with 60 as the game looked to be heading towards a draw with Glas needing six wickets in eight overs.

But once Lee was dismissed by Nick Morris (2-14), helped by one of two brilliant catches from Tom Gardner, the innings crumbled to 121 all out.

Captain Keith Yapp, who had taken two earlier wickets, returned to claim three more victims in just six balls in the extra overs to clinch the victory to finish with 5-10.

CAE GLAS II also had an exciting finish as a single wicket was all that came between them and the reserve three league title as they ended their 2013 campaign with a winning draw at third placed Bomere Heath II.

On a green top, Cae Glas, needing the maximum 24 points to be sure of the title, elected to bat.

That decision was looking a brave one as opener Nick Chesters was soon back in the pavilion without a run on the board.

Tight bowling from the home side, together with the enormity of the outfield and some nervousness between the wickets, which resulted in three run outs, contributed to what felt, at the time, was a disappointing total of 139-9 from their allotted overs.

Not for the first time in recent weeks Gavin Porritt top scored with 37.

And there were further useful contributions from George Candler (26), Tim Smith (17) and Simon Wood (17).

It soon became apparent that the total posted was a more than useful target as their hosts struggled against the visiting attack.

And, in a repeat of earlier events, they too found themselves a man down before scoring a run.

Devastating

However, a dogged 38 from Matt Jones was the highlight as, despite being a little off the pace, they looked to be comfortably holding on for a draw with two wickets down and only 13 overs remaining.

Dave Smith, however, returning for his second spell, had other ideas.

In a devastating spell of bowling, he took five wickets (6-18 in total) and had four deliveries to remove Bomere's last batter.

However, it wasn't to be as Bomere held on to finish on 102-9, restricting the Glas to 13 points for the winning draw.

In the end, the Oswestry side can reflect on a wonderful summer of cricket in the knowledge that finishing runners-up is an achievement of which they should all be proud.

A last-gasp penalty wins tough battle for seconds

OSWESTRY II secured a 27-25 victory at a vastly experienced Macclesfield IV side courtesy of a last gasp penalty to maintain their unbeaten start in the Raging Bull North Wales League division four (south).

With a few regulars missing and countless debutants, this was another encouraging display for the Eagles whose youth and pace made the difference against a huge Macclesfield side.

After going behind to an unconverted try, rousing speeches from experienced heads Tom Sproulle and Steve Jarvis seemed to kick Oswestry into life, with Jarvis going over in the corner to score.

Oswestry were now firmly on top and it was the inside backs that yet again made the difference as Chris Roberts carried the ball and numerous players with him to score under the posts. With Macclesfield praying for half time, Oswestry scored another seven pointer through Sproulle to lead 19-5 at half time.

Macclesfield came flying out in the second half scoring two quick tries to set up a tense finale, but against the run of play flanker Rich Pierce slid through for a crucial try. In a final twist, the hosts went ahead by a point with a controversial try and a penalty before Pierce kicked a last gasp penalty to seal a second successive win.

Oswestry lose but still end up 24 points clear

OSWESTRY'S second successive championship season saw them end up 24 points clear at the top of the Birmingham League Division Two after an exciting two-wicket defeat at Old Elizabethans in the last game of the season.

After Oswestry elected to bat, Ryan Fynn (50) and his brother Warrick (43) had taken the total to 107-1 before the side lost four wickets for five runs.

Of the later batsmen, only Josh Coleridge made much impression with 28 as the innings closed on 175.

Old Elizabethans lost wickets regularly when they replied, with Sam Huxley taking 3-31, Ryan Fynn 2-27 and Paul Robinson 2-17.

But home batsman Jonathan Miles (90no) cashed in on some poor catching to steer his side to 177-8, finishing the game with two consecutive sixes in the penultimate over.

OSWESTRY II also ended the season with a defeat, going down by eight wickets to Streetly at Morda Road in the second XI League division two (north).

Jonathan Davies led the way with 51 as Oswestry were bowled out for 202, other useful contributions coming from Luke Jones (33), Dominic Bright (31) and Dave Shaw (21).

But Streetly made light work of their target, skipper David Yeeand hitting an unbeaten 90 as they reached 203-2 with 10 overs to spare.

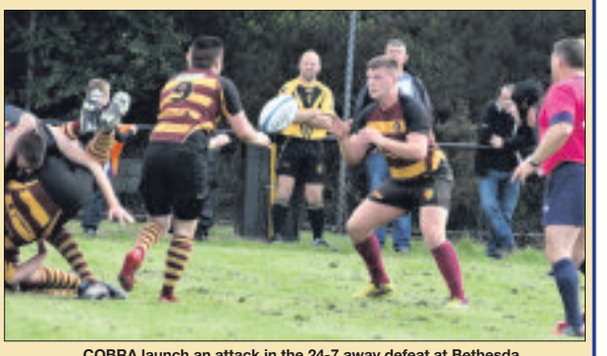
Wickets

A fine unbeaten 66 by Richard Jones helped OSWESTRY III secure a losing draw at Acton Reynald in the Shropshire League division three.

The home side reached 196-5 in their 45 overs, with two wickets for Dominic Kular.

Oswestry never looked like pulling off a victory, but Jones, Michael Hanratty (30) and Xavier Clarke (22) saw them to safety at 142-8.

COBRA made to pay for slow start



COBRA launch an attack in the 24-7 away defeat at Bethesda

The COBRA pack push forward against their Bethesda opponents

COBRA paid the price for a slow start as they suffered their first defeat in the Swalec Welsh League division one (north) after succumbing 24-7 at Bethesda.

After their opening day victory against Caernarfon, the Meifod side were forced into changes, with a makeshift back line disrupting their plans,

But, after conceding a couple of early tries to trail 19-0 at the break, they could take plenty of positives from their display, only to be frustrated by some poor refereeing in the tackle area that led to the encounter becoming a niggly affair.

COBRA were lacking intensity early on as Bethesda scored two tries, the first being converted, and a breakaway score made it 19-0. The Llanfair Caereinion visitors thought they had pulled back a try on the stroke of half time when scrum half Alwyn Williams touched down on the line, but the ref ruled it out, instead awarding a five yard scrum.

They did reduce the arrears after the interval when prop Hywel Jones broke off a ruck and beat the fullback to touch down, Williams converting.

For the rest of the game, COBRA were in the ascendancy but were unable to find a way through before, two minutes from time, Bethesda scored their fourth try despite a clear knock-on.

This Saturday, COBRA face a tricky trip to Bala who will be out to avenge las season's defeat in the North Wales Cup final.

WELSHPOOL suffered a frustrating afternoon in division three (north) following the non-appearance of scheduled opponents Porthmadog. The Maesydre had agreed to switch the match to home soil as Port's ground was in use, with the teams set for a 12noon kick off.

However, with the Welshpoool players warming up on the pitch, there was no sign of their visitors – and the match was subsequently called off after it transpired they would not be sending a team.

The match will now be played later in the season, while Porthmadog will be docked four points. However, it was little consolation for Pool who were left kicking their heels as they chase their first win of the season. This Saturday, they visit Flint who lost 19-12 to Llanidloes last weekend.

Welshpool's youngsters also had a late call-off when their trip to Llandudno was postponed as they were just about to board the bus to the game.

However, the club's second team did manage some action as they saw off Mold III 62-26 in the North West Counties League.

Newtown are still looking for their first points in division two north after crashing 51-3 at home to a well drilled Mold side, who ran in seven tries. Jon Thurston bagged the lone home response with a first half penalty.

Waterloo are beaten 5-1 by Trefonen

SECOND placed Trefonen kept up the pressure on the leaders in the JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League division one with a 5-1 beating of Waterloo reserves – their third win of the season.

Llanfair reserves slumped 5-1 to leaders and current champions Caersws reserves, while Guilsfield surrendered a 2-0 lead to lose 3-2 at Llanfechain.

In Mitsubishi Two, Newtown Wanderers won 12-2 against Llansantffraid reserves while Joe Haycock's hat-rick helped high flying Churchstoke to a 6-2 victory against Maesyrhandir.

Llanymynech won 5-0 at Four Crosses reserves in the Robins (Newtown FC) League Cup, while Meifod were 2-1 victors at Waterloo Colts in the same competition. Llanfyllin marched on in the MP Foulkes Montgomeryshire Challenge Cup with a 5-1 first round win at Llangedwyn.

Morda looking to climb up the table

MORDA United, without a game at the weekend, have slipped to eleventh in the Mercian Regional League Premier Division. They have a chance to improve their placing when they entertain Shifnal United 97 next Saturday. The kick off at Weston Road will be at 3pm.

SPORT

Under 14s hold on for good draw in tricky tie

Sporting Colts 2
Oswestry Boys U14's 2

OSWESTRY travelled to Condover for their first match of the season, a tricky tie against the team they shared the league with last season.

It was Colts who made the early breakthrough when a long ball over the top was finished neatly by their right winger.

Oswestry looked nervous but they regrouped and got stuck in with Connor Williams making his presence felt in the heart of midfield with some feisty tackles.

Oswestry got the chance their hard work deserved and it was finished coolly by debutant James Jarvis to make it 1-1 at half-time.

The strong wind coupled with the poor pitch made playing Oswestry's passing game difficult, but, they did take the lead when Jarvis smashed in his second mid way through the second half.

The Colts piled on the pressure and with the wind assistance their long balls over the top were causing problems.

Debutant goalkeeper Owen Dean made a superb one handed save to keep them out but Colts eventually pulled level when a shot rattled off the post and fell kindly to their midfielder to poke the ball home. Honours even and probably fair.

Wem Town 0
Oswestry Boys U162s 2

In storm like conditions, on a very poor high school pitch, Oswestry had to work hard to keep their 100 per cent record in A league intact.

Playing with the wind for the first half it took Oswestry 39 minutes to break the deadlock.

After a host of missed chances an own goal from a corner gave Oswestry a fully deserved half-time lead.

With the wind in their faces the second half continued in the same way, some fantastic football keeping the ball on the ground and opening up the home defence on countless occasions but poor finishing, and, also, the pitch conditions, kept Wem in the game.

With a solid defensive display and pace on the break it was only a matter of time before another goal came.

It eventually came from a corner, when the ball was cleared it fell to Sam Lewis to finish well with his left foot from outside the area to make the points safe for Oswestry.

Oswestry Villa manager Graeme Sutton, left, pictured, with from left, TNS players Matty Williams and Kai Edwards, and TNS Community Foundation officer Craig Edwards.

TNS link up with new town team

THE New Saints Community Foundation have formed a Community club partnership with local town side Oswestry Villa.

The club's Community Foundation officer Craig Edwards presented Villa boss Graeme Sutton with tracksuits for their first team squad and waterproof jackets for their reserve team for the forthcoming season.

"I would like to thank TNS for their continued support because starting up a new club is not the easiest of things to do," said Sutton.

"We look forward to building this relationship further and are very proud to be part of the community programme."

If any club is interested in becoming a Community Club Partner, they can contact Craig Edwards, Community Foundation Officer at The New Saints on 01691 684840 or e mail craig.edwards@tnsfc.co.uk

Williams hits seven goals in Town triumph

RAMPANT FC Oswestry Town made it seven wins out of seven in the Mercian Regional League division one as they hammered previously undefeated Dawley Town 9-2 at Park Hall.

It was also a magnificent seven for Ben Williams who fired seven of the goals, with Graham Dyke and Kurt Smith completing the tally.

Town are now three points clear at the top, already with a goal difference of plus 35, and will be out to maintain the run at lowly Hopesgate on Saturday. OSWESTRY VILLA, who had six players dropping out, gained a valuable point when drawing 2-2 at Clee Hill.

Some poor marking saw them go a goal behind, but they were back on terms when Dave Hartshorn brought down a cross, and cut inside his marker before slotting into the net.

With tempers starting to flare due to some wild tackles from the hosts, Villa went a goal behind again after the break following a defensive lapse.

The visitors earned their reward when sub Ash Dallow, who had been struggling with a calf injury, smashed a 25-yarder into the net, while Hartshorn missed a chance to have won it at the end. Villa play their first game at Gatacre on Saturday when they take on Oakengates Rangers (3pm).

Mercian Regional Football League

Premier Division: FC Hodnet 0, Whitchurch Alport 0, Ketley Bank 1, Allscott 0, Prees 3, Shifnal Utd 1, Wellington Amateurs Reserves 1, Oakengates athletic 2; Weston Rhyn 2, Bridgnorth Reserves 1.

Division one: Bishops Castle Town 6, Hopesgate Utd 1; Clee Hill 2, Oswestry Villa 2; Oswestry Town 9, Dawley Town 2; Hanwood Utd Reserves 7, Oakengates Rangers 2: Meole Brace 0, Shawbury Utd Reserves 5; Wrockwardine Wood Juniors 1, Shrewsbury Utd 4.

Division two: AFC Broseley 14, Denso 0; AFC Wellington 8, Albrighton Juniors 1; Claverley 2, Ludlow Town Colts 6; Impact Utd 2, Highley Miners Welfare 2; Shrewsbury Utd Reserves 2, Donnington Sports 9; Spalaig Britannia 1, Market Drayton Tigers 5.

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Oakengates Ath	6	5	1	19	7	12	15
Telford Juniors	4	4	0	16	2	14	12
Whitchurch Alp R	7	3	2	10	9	1	11
Weston Rhyn	6	3	2	14	12	2	10
FC Hodnet	6	3	2	7	7	0	10
Prees	6	3	3	10	10	0	9
Church Stretton	5	2	1	11	10	1	8
Madeley Sports	6	2	3	6	9	-3	7
Ketley Bank Utd	5	2	2	8	12	-4	7
Ketley Town	4	2	2	7	9	-2	6
Morda United	5	1	2	12	13	-1	5
Wellington Ams R	5	1	2	8	12	-4	5
Bridgnorth Town R	7	1	4	8	13	-5	5
Shifnal United 97	6	1	4	6	12	-6	4
Allscott	6	0	3	5	10	-5	3

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Oswestry Town	7	7	0	42	7	35	21
Childs Ercall	6	6	0	35	3	32	18
Bishops Castle T	6	5	1	22	6	16	15
Dawley Town	7	4	1	21	19	2	14
Oswestry Villa	6	4	1	25	11	14	13
Rock Rovers FC	5	4	1	32	9	23	12
Clee Hill	6	3	1	17	10	7	11
Hanwood Utd R	5	3	1	16	6	10	10
Wroxeter Rovers	3	1	0	8	5	3	5
Shawbury Utd R	7	1	5	9	22	-13	4
Brown Clee	6	1	5	12	23	-11	3
Wrock Wood Jnrs	6	1	5	11	31	-20	3
Shrewsbury Utd	7	1	6	16	37	-21	3
Meole Brace	6	1	5	6	46	-40	3
Hopesgate United	7	0	5	12	30	-18	2
O'kengates Rngrs	6	0	5	7	26	-19	1

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	F	A	GD	Pts
AFC Broseley	7	7	0	46	7	39	21
Wrock Wood	6	5	0	31	8	23	16
Market D'ton Tgrs	7	4	2	31	16	15	13
Donnington S & S	6	4	2	26	19	7	12
Impact	5	3	0	19	6	13	11
AFC Wellington	6	3	2	39	14	25	10
Ludlow T Colts	6	3	2	28	12	16	10
Claverley	5	3	2	21	12	9	9
S'bury Utd R	6	2	4	13	33	-20	6
Spalaig Britannia	6	2	4	11	34	-23	6
Highley Miners W	5	1	2	15	14	1	5
Oswestry Villa R	5	0	5	5	23	-18	0
Albrighton Juniors	5	0	5	6	25	-19	0
Denso	7	0	7	7	75	-68	0

Saints keep up pressure on leaders with thumping win

Saints star Kai Edwards in the thick of the action against Connah's Quay

THE New Saints stepped up the pressure on the Welsh Premier leaders after sweeping aside previously unbeaten GAP Connah's Quay 4-0 at the Deeside Stadium.

The encounter was effectivey over as a contest after the defending champions opened up a four goal lead at the interval, with two goals apiece from Chris Jones and last season's top scorer Mike Wilde.

Head coach Carl Darlington was delighted with what he saw, particularly in the first half, as the Saints moved up to third.

"In the first half, we shifted the ball round really well, our movement was first rate, and at 4-0 the game was dead and buried," he said. "It could have been a lot more than four as we had some great chances.

"But the main thing it was another three points against a good team, and a clean sheet.

"Chris Jones has been electric for us in the last two games, while defender Phil Baker and Sam Finley, in midfield, were also firing on all cylinders."

Winger Jones put the Saints on course with a 19th minute strike following a darting run past two defenders and into the box before tucking his shot past keeper Terry McCormick.

They went close again when the tenacious Sam Finley sprinted down the left hand side but his cross-shot flew just inches wide of the top corner, while moments later the midfielder cut back for Jones who fired just wide from six yards.

The Saints, however, seized the initiative in dramatic fashion with three goals in a remarkable six minute spell before half time to leave GAP reeling.

With the visitors controlling much of the encounter, Wilde made it 2-0 on 40 minutes after good hold-up play by Aeron Edwards, the striker lifting the ball over McCormick and finding the net despite the efforts of home player boss Mark McGregor to clear off the line.

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by John Bridgwater

Wilde then added his second four minutes later when planting a powerful header into the net from close in following Chris Seargeant's inviting corner.

Powerful

Jones then netted his second deep into first half stoppage time with the goal of the game when curling his shot into the top corner from the edge of the box to leave the home side with a mountain to climb in the second period.

Despite their efforts after the break, GAP rarely suggested they could find a way back against a well-marshalled TNS defence that comfortably held tight.

In fact, it was the visitors who almost made it five when Ryan Fraughan curled his long range effort just wide on the hour, while moments later Kai Edwards sprinted forward and unleashed a powerful shot that was inadvertently deflected wide by Wilde.

The striker had a chance to complete his hat-trick but could only find a weak finish from Spender's cross that keeper McCormick comfortably dealt with.

At the other end chances were sparse, although GAP substitute Mike Hayes tested keeper Paul Harrison with a powerfully hit low shot before the game petered out.

● The New Saints under-19s will face Penrhyncoch in the first round of the FAW Youth Cup Round on Sunday, September 29.

TNS scorer Chris Jones is foiled this time by a Quay defender

St Martins stutter to a 4-1 defeat

ST MARTINS remain second from bottom in the West Midlands League division one after suffering a 4-1 loss at Haughmond whose Tom Groves bagged a hat-trick.

The Saints, who face a tough trip to Bartestree on Saturday, were behind after just four minutes when a long ball found Steve Rogers who flicked on to Groves to open his account.The Saints got back on terms when Dan Hughes fired into the roof of the net.

However, the visitors were behind before the break when a long ball found Groves who crossed for Rogers to convert.

Groves then added two more after the break to complete his treble, but St Martins went close with Hughes rattling the bar with a fine while Bailey headed over.

Rangers youngsters show the way

ELLESMERE Rangers paid for their slow start as they went down 3-2 at Cradley Town.

Dan Graham's penalty early in the second half levelled the scores after Cradley led 1-0 at half-time, but Cradley then scored twice more before Will Twyford pulled another goal back for Ellesmere.

Director of football Alan Davis said: "It was quite a close game in the end but we didn't play well in the first half. If we had started the game how we ended it things might have been different."

There was better news for the youth team who progressed in the FA Youth Cup with a comfortable 5-0 victory over Warwickshire club Southam United in the preliminary qualifying round. Jack Gaddes was the star with a 12 minute first half hat-trick. The home side were into their stride immediately and the game was over as a contest by half-time as The Beech Grove youngsters'stormed into a five goal lead.

Tom Pike got the rout underway sliding the ball beyond the advancing keeper in the 15th minute after being put through by Gaddes.

The supplier then turned goalscorer in the 20th minute following up after the Southam keeper had pushed the ball out.

Ellesmere were now playing some fluid football and the visitors were struggling to live with the movement and it was no suprise when Gaddes headed in an excellent centre by Paddy Townsend on the half hour mark. Gaddes completed a man of the match display by claiming his hat-trick in the 32nd minute after heading in a Mike O'Reilly corner.

The scoring was over in the 45th minute as Will Twyford got his first goal for the club finishing off an excellent move.

The second half was very much a non-event as, with the game won, the home side took their foot off the gas and used their bench.

Ellesmere host Worcester City in the first qualifying round on Thursday, September 26.

"Although the league is the priority, the FA Youth Cup is a massive competition for us," said manager Dan Stevens.

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Guilsfield to face Mach at home in first round

GUILSFIELD have been handed home advantage against lower league Machynlleth in the first round of the Welsh Cup.

Matt Burton's Cymru Alliance side should be favourites on home soil but Mach, who play in the Spar Mid Wales League could prove troublesome opponents.

LLANRHAEADR face a tricky first round trip to Cymru Alliance rivals Llandudno while unbeaten LLANFAIR UNITED host Gwalchmai.

In-form BERRIEW, 5-1 winners at Llansantffraid last Saturday with goals from Elliot Jones (2), Karl Seliaerts, Rob Pritchard and Adam Williams, visit Tywyn Bryncrug.

First round ties (involving Mid Wales teams): Caersws v Denbigh, Glan Conwy v Llanidloes Town, Guilsfield v Machynlleth, Holywell v Penrhyncoch, Llandrindod Wells v Newport Civil Service, Llandudno v Llanrhaeadr, Llanfair Utd v Gwalchmai, Rhayader Town v Chirk, Tywyn Bryncrug v Berriew, Undy Athletic v Presteigne. Ties to be played on Saturday, October 12.

● After picking up just one point from their previous four games, Guilsfield got back to winning ways in the Cymru Alliance with a 2-0 verdict at Rhayader Town.

Luke Douglas made the breakthrough with a 25-yard strike two minutes into the second half before Jack Harris volleyed in a fine cross from Mark Davies 10 minutes from time to seal the win.

Hot-shot Jamie Breese scored his 100th goal for Llanidloes Town as the Cymru Alliance new boys eased their basement worries with a 5-0 home hammering of LLANRHAEADR.

The former Welshpool striker brought up his milestone with his second goal of the night, while Will Thomas weighed in with a hat-trick as the Daffs scored all their goals in the first half. The visitors spent the second half with 10 men after having their keeper sent off.

Harrier Andy stars in race

MALDWYN Harrier Andy Davies produced a terrific performance at the Great North Run where 55,000 runners took part.

The Forden runner endured poor conditions to complete the course in 66:15 minutes to finish in 20th place overall, and was the eighth fastest Briton.

Mo Farah just missed out on another title when finishing second behind Ethiopian Kenenisa Bekele.

Kickboxer after national title

A TALENTED kickboxer is setting his sights for national glory after winning a regional crown.

Jack Jerrard, 21, from Oswestry, was crowned World Kickboxing Association's 70kg and below full contact kickboxing Midlands area champion.

He won the belt after a fight in Dudley on September 8 after defeating local favourite Ant Phillips.

Jerrard, who is a first degree black sash, says he hopes to now take a shot at the English title.

He said: "I took up kickboxing when I was about 13. I just heard about it and heard about the coach Brian Nelson and went along for a training session. I liked it and early on I was pretty much training all the time. I still train three to four times a week at the Memorial Hall in Oswestry with Brian Nelson and my sparring partner Jack Davies.

"I was delighted to win the belt. I think the look on my face when I was given the belt after the fight said it all really."

The fight went the full five rounds, with all three judges reaching an unanimous decision awarding Jack the win.

The encounter was his fifth full contact fight and he still remains undefeated.

Full contact kickboxing allows fighters to use any part of the body in the fight except elbows and knees. Jerrard added:"I would like to go for the English title. The fight could be held in Oswestry if it can be arranged by Brian Nelson and there would be other championship bouts as well." Sparring partner Jack Davies said: "Jack deserves all the success because of his commitment.

"Nobody trains any harder than him and he works really hard.

"It would be great to have a championship bout in Oswestry, it would be good for the town and a really positive thing.

"The last event organised by Brian Nelson, who is really well known in kickboxing, was in Ellesmere Port and attracted international fighters and the top from around this country."

Anyone interested in the learning the art of lau gar kung fu or kickboxing is asked to contact Brian Nelson on www.bknlaugar.co.uk/home.htm

Skipper looking forward after a great season ends

CHAMPIONS Oswestry may have lost their last game – but skipper Mark Robinson says it's been a season to remember after topping the Birmingham League division two.

The Morda Road men have now clinched back-to-back titles as they head to the fresh challenge of division one next term, and even a last-day two-wicket defeat at Old Elizabethans failed to dampen the mood.

"We've played some fantastic cricket, and thoroughly deserve to have won the title by 24 points," said Robinson

"We'll have a break now, before we start looking ahead to next season. We'll sit down and discuss where we need to strengthen. Ryan Fynn played his last game for us on Saturday, so an overseas player for next season is something we'll be looking at."

Oswestry, with a depleted bowling attack, signed off with a tight two wicket loss at Old Elizabethans after narrowly failing to defend their 175 after batting first.

"It was a bit disappointing to lose our last game, but Dean Suter pulled out before the game which meant Warrick Fynn kept wicket," added Robinson.

RACHEL ON BRINK OF WORLD GLORY

By John Bridgwater

HIGH-riding Rachel Atherton again stood on top of the world after storming to another convincing World Cup victory in horrendous conditions in Hafjell in Norway

The stunning win – in which the Llanrhaeadr ace was 7.63 seconds ahead of her nearest rival – was her fourth victory out of five in the 2013 World Cup Series, and comes just two weeks after also savouring World Championships glory.

Rachel Atherton

And she now looks to finish with a flourish by landing overall victory in Leogang this weekend as riders face the final challenge in the Austrian mountains.

The diverse and technical Norwegian course was wet and windy last week which was reflected in the final timings as Atherton clocked 4:09.858 for her win – a good 12 seconds off her own qualifying time in dry conditions from the day before.

Emmeline Ragot who is currently second in the overall standings had crashed in the woods pushing her back into an eventual fifth place.

Morganne Charre was 1.3 ahead of Ragot in fourth and French rider Myriam Nicole and Atherton's GB teammate Manon Carpenter had both put in great technical rides to take the second and third positions.

However, neither were a match for Atherton's stunning form and physical strength as she looked visibly faster from the very start. Atherton was six seconds up by split One, there was a tense moment as she caught her wheels at the exit to the woods but she managed to hold on and powered down to the finish to victory in her usual style.

"The rain threw everyone into a bit of disarray but thanks so much to the team," said Atherton, of GT Factory Racing.

"I'm used to the rain but that was wild – there were some places that only the crowd kept me on board!"

Atherton's brother Gee, also riding for GT Factory Racing, finished the men's elite race in a disappointing 12th when clocking 3.48.57, well behind winner Stevie Smith (3.40.174).

Gee goes into the final race of the series in Salzburg, 17 points clear of Smith in the standings.

TNS back home to a Bangor showdown

THE New Saints are relishing a return to home surrounds on Saturday – and they don't come much bigger than their showdown with old adversaries Bangor City.

After four matches on their travels, the defending champions are back at Park Hall in front of the S4C TV cameras (3.45), and coach Carl Darlington admits the clash with the Citizens is always one to savour.

"For the last four or five years, Bangor v TNS have always been the biggest games in the Welsh Premier as both teams have been pushing for the league," he said.

Leaders

"They beat us in the league two years ago to win the league, but we've had a good record against them in the last two seasons, and we haven't lost to them.

"They are a good team, with game changers, and it's always a game to look forward to and Saturday can't come soon enough."

The Saints go into the clash in good heart after their 4-0 romp at previously unbeaten GAP Connah's Quay as they look to keep the pressure on the Welsh Premier leaders.

"People have made a big deal about us losing to Prestatyn a couple of weeks ago," added Darlington. "That was our first defeat in nine months, so it shows just how much everyone want to beat us and knock us off our pedestal.

"GAP was always going to be a tough game, they were unbeaten, and made it difficult for us, but we were outstanding. We had some great chances, and could have scored a few more, but the main thing was that we picked up another three points against a good team, and kept a clean sheet." Left back Chris Marriott, who missed last Friday's action due to a dead leg, is back in the reckoning.

The Saints are in talks with an out-of contract defender as they look to strengthen their back line.

TNS's Sam Finley gets in a cross during his side's win over Connah's Quay

McNamee in charge at Llanidloes

FORMER Welshpool and Montgomery boss Clive McNamee is the new manager of Llanidloes Town following the departure of Antony Griffiths.

Griffiths decided to call time after a tough start to the season with just one win in six outings, and the Daffs have wasted little time in appointing McNamee.

"Mac has enjoyed a lot of success, and knows how to get the best out of players," said Peter Jones, who will remain as assistant.

"To manage a club like Llanidloes is a great opportunity, it's knocked me over," said McNamee. "They've had a difficult start, but you don't look a league tables after just six games. It's still early days."

McNamee will take charge for Saturday's tough trek to Conwy Borough.

Welshpool beat drop

WELSHPOOL's cricketers escaped relegation from the Shropshire League division one after clinching a crucial last-day four wicket victory at Powys rivals Newtown.

With basement rivals Montgomery hammering Condover, Pool needed to win to ensure they stayed out of the bottom two.

And they did not disappoint as they dismissed Newtown for 133 with Rob Birch taking 5-27 and Tom Anderson 3-20, before reaching their target for the loss of six wickets, Joe Birch making 36 and Rob Birch 27 not out.

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